

Bush ahead of Dukakis: opinion polls

WASHINGTON, Sept 14, (AP): Michael Dukakis hammered away on the defence issue as he promised to improve America's conventional strength and maintain a strong nuclear deterrent.

His rival for the presidency, Vice-President George Bush, charged that Dukakis wants to control farmers' lives with an outdated agriculture policy that could include resumption of a Soviet grain embargo.

Bush's criticisms appear to have paid off — at least according to two public opinion polls.

A Gallup survey found Bush leading by an eight-percentage-point margin, and Dukakis suffering his highest negative rating of the presidential race. A CBS News-New York Times poll also showed the Democratic nominee trailing by eight points, and Bush capitalizing on defence issues.

Yesterday, Bush pledged his support for expansion of American markets abroad and suggested that Dukakis and his fellow Democrats are only concerned with production controls.

They want to "control the lives of the farmers," he said.

Bush cited a published report that quoted a Dukakis aide as saying the Democratic nominee might re-examine the US policy of selling government-subsidized wheat to the Soviets.

Strongest hurricane on record

Gilbert lashes Yucatan

MERIDA, Mexico, Sept 14, (UPI): Gilbert, the strongest hurricane on record, lashed Mexico's Yucatan peninsula today, bawled along a track that could carry its 175-MPH (280 KPH) winds into Texas by week's end. At least 14 people have been killed and 500,000 left homeless in the storm's rampage through the Caribbean.

Gilbert began pounding the posh beach resorts and 1,000-year-old Mayan ruins of the Yucatan peninsula early today. Mexico placed its armed forces on "red alert," and 100,000 people fled the hurricane's burgeoning fury.

Supplies

The National Hurricane Centre in Miami predicted Gilbert would strike across the peninsula around midday with 15-foot (4.5 m) waves, raking Cuba's west coast along the way, then plow into the Gulf of Mexico and hit Texas slightly south of Galveston by Friday night if it maintains its present course.

Along Texas's gulf coast, helicopters ferried nearly 1,000 workers from offshore oil rigs, residents made runs on emergency supplies and communities issued pleas for blood donations.

At 1000 GMT, the centre of Gilbert was near latitude 20.2

north, longitude 86.0 west, or about 65 miles (100 km) east-southeast of the island of Cozumel, Mexico, and moving west-northwest at 15 MPH (25 KPH). The storm's sustained winds of 175 MPH (280 KPH) with gusts of 200 MPH (320 KPH) made it a category five hurricane, meaning it is capable of causing catastrophic damage.

"If it were actually to hit land with this magnitude, the degree of destruction is incomprehensible," hurricane centre director Bob Sheets said. "We are hopeful this will not take place."

Banned

Cuba banned travel by air and sea in advance of Gilbert, and powerful waves began inflicting damage along its western coast last night, the Cuban news agency, Prensa Latina, reported.

Gilbert knifed the heart of the Caribbean since springing to life Saturday night, and at least 14 people have been reported killed.

Pope leaves for Lesotho by car after an unscheduled landing in Johannesburg

Nuns held hostage in Maseru

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept 14, (Agencies): Pope John Paul II, an outspoken critic of South Africa's apartheid policies, made an unscheduled landing today in Johannesburg after bad weather and airport equipment trouble prevented his plane from going to Lesotho.

The Pope, who had planned to bypass South Africa during his current tour of neighbouring states, spent three hours at Jan Smuts airport before he and his entourage left for Lesotho in a convoy of cars and buses.

He did not kiss the ground at Jan Smuts, as he customarily does the first time he visits a country, and made no public statements during his stay in the terminal.

Privilege

The trip to Lesotho was expected to take at least five hours over a 440-kilometre (270-mile) route.

Foreign Minister P. W. Botha greeted the Pope on the steps leading from the plane and accompanied him into a VIP lounge while security forces deployed inside and outside the terminal.

"We consider it a privilege to assist the Holy Father," said Botha, who ordered 100 luncheons for the entourage.

Meanwhile, in Maseru, a standoff continued between police and suspected guerrillas who commandeered a bus of nuns, schoolchildren and pilgrims that was en route to see John Paul.

Robin Cartwright, the pilot of the Pope's chartered Air Zimbabwe Boeing 707, circled over Maseru, Lesotho, for 30 minutes before deciding to divert the flight because of a low cloud ceiling and malfunctioning radio beacons at the airport.

The Pope's spokesman, Joaquin Navarro, said John Paul was reading a book of philosophy when he was told of the change in plans.

Freezing rain fell on Lesotho, a mountain kingdom completely surrounded by South Africa. King Moshoeshoe II and other officials waited at the airport for hours before the announcement that the Pope would come by road.

Kidnapped

In Maseru, a British diplomat said the pilgrims were still being held hostage in a bus outside the British High Commission (Embassy).

An unknown number of nuns and children travelling to see the Pope were kidnapped yesterday evening. One priest said the gun-

men boarded the bus dressed in nuns' habits. He said it was carrying about 60 pilgrims.

Nervous Lesotho soldiers kept newsmen away from the scene. Gervaise Chavasse, British deputy high commissioner, said one hostage had managed to escape.

"He is talking to the police and says the hijackers claim to be members of the Lesotho Liberation Army," Chavasse said.

"The police told me a few minutes ago it (the hostage drama) is still going on," he said.

The Lesotho Liberation Army is the military wing of the Basotho Congress Party which has been exiled since 1970. The party opposed the civilian government of chief Leboa Jonathan, who was overthrown as prime minister by a South African-sponsored coup in January 1986.

Until the current military rulers took power, the guerrillas made periodic hit-and-run raids.

The streets of Maseru were tense as this tiny, turbulent state awaited the Pope's arrival on the third leg of a five-nation southern African tour.

Helicopters flew overhead. Soldiers patrolled the streets, angrily pushing away journalists attempting to get a glimpse of the

bus.

The government, in a radio broadcast, said it was "in full control of the situation" but did not give details.

Radio Maseru, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said the "primary objective of the government of Lesotho... is the safety of the nuns and other hostages and that the visit of the Holy Father should continue unperturbed as planned."

A nun who identified herself as sister Rita said the bus was travelling from the Daughters of Charity Convent in the town of Quacha's Nek.

Lesotho is entirely surrounded by South Africa and depends on its neighbour for food and medical supplies. More than half Lesotho's income comes from migrant workers employed in South Africa.

A Johannesburg newspaper, the Star, reported that South Africa had sent a task force to Lesotho to help free the hostages if necessary.

It said Lesotho's military ruler, General Lekhanya, had telephoned the commander of the South African police task force, General Bert Wandrag, with a request for aid.

Arafat is ready to meet ...

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"Help those who are peace-lovers in Israel to establish peace. Is peace not worth some sacrifices?" he said.

Diplomatic sources said that in his remarks today and in his speech yesterday, Arafat skillfully marked out the next steps in his diplomatic campaign for an international peace conference on the Middle East.

Arafat today thanked French Socialist President Francois Mitterrand for allowing his visit to Strasbourg. The PLO chief fired off several compliments evidently aimed at French public opinion.

"I am looking for a (General Charles) de Gaulle in Israel," he said, when asked who he thought was the Israeli politician most able to make peace with the PLO. The allusion may have been to De Gaulle's skillful disengagement from Algeria in 1962, ending a brutal war of independence.

The diplomatic sources said Arafat's offer to meet Israeli officials in a member nation of the UN Security Council was an obvious hint the PLO leader sees France as a potential venue for an international peace conference — and more specifically, at Strasbourg itself.

Proposal

Arafat also urged the United States to bring to fruition President Woodrow Wilson's original proposal for the creation of both Jewish and Arab Palestinian states — embodied in a later UN Resolution 181.

"It is possible to recognise just half of this resolution," Arafat asked. "The United States has to stand for justice and fairness. It should not just think of electoral considerations."

Israel accused France of breaking its word by having Dumas meet Arafat for the first time on French soil today.

Arafat had done nothing to deserve such a diplomatic reward, Israeli spokesmen said. They also rejected Arafat's speech.

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Gunman frees hostages after five-hour siege

RICHMOND, Va., Sept 14, (Reuters): A lone gunman who had demanded peace in Lebanon surrendered after a five-hour siege in which he held 11 people hostage at a military recruiting office today, police said.

The gunman, identified by police as a 20-year-old Richmond resident of Lebanese descent, surrendered around 2 pm (1600 GMT), 30 minutes after freeing all of his hostages.

The man had demanded that a local radio station read his plea for peace in Lebanon. His demand was not met.

Armed

The hostages were held at the Tuckernuck Square armed services recruiting office, in a busy shopping centre in West Richmond, about 100 miles (160 km) from Washington.

The gunman released his hostages one by one until all were freed by 1.30 pm (1530 GMT).

The gunman walked into the recruiting office armed with a handgun and a Soviet-made AK-47 automatic weapon, police said. He surrendered the rifle during negotiations and gave up his handgun later.

Officers said he had told authorities that he had two armed friends with him but police said only the one man was involved.

Escaped detainees can go free, say police

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept 14, (AP): Police said today they would not re-arrest three prominent anti-apartheid activists who escaped from detention and have taken refuge at the US consulate.

"They can walk out and they will not be re-detained," said police Brig. Leon Mellet. "Their release already was under consideration, and we have no plans to re-arrest them."

Mellet said the police would have to issue new orders if they wanted to detain the trio again, but that there were no plans to do so.

The activists escaped from a hospital yesterday and made their way about midday into the consulate in a downtown Johannesburg office building. Their lawyer, Krish Naidoo, entered the consulate today, apparently to visit the men, and said they would meet later with the activists' families.

The three are Murphy Morobe, acting publicity secretary of the banned United Democratic Front, Mohammed Valli Moosa, UDF acting general secretary, and Vusi Khan-

hlanje, chairman of the banned National Education Crisis Committee. Morobe and Khanyile are blacks and Valli Moosa is an Indian.

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Walesa to meet minister today

WARSAW, Sept 14, (Agencies): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa will meet Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak tomorrow to prepare negotiations on Poland's future, government spokesman Jerzy Urban said today.

"I can confirm there will be a meeting at noon tomorrow with the same set of participants as in the previous one with General Kiszczak," Urban said.

Kiszczak last met Walesa on Aug 31.

Protest

In another development, members of the official Union for Transport Workers in "Gdynia" held "bus and tram service in the Baltic port city of 250,000 residents for about six hours today in protest over pay," a union spokesman said.

Walesa earlier this month ended a series of Solidarity-led strikes in exchange for the government's proposal to hold the round-table talks with the opposition, including members of the banned trade union.

The first Gdynia stoppage was mounted by an official trade union.

Regional official union spokesman Stanislaw Koscielak said the transport workers want a raise of 3,000 zlotys (\$6) a month. He said the pay hike was promised last year but never received. The average pay nationwide is about 47,000 zlotys (\$100) a month.

Prospects for setting up the talks between the government, Solidarity and other groups including Roman Catholic church officials were thrown into doubt yesterday when Urban accused the banned union of making unacceptable demands.

Walesa and his colleagues say the talks will be pointless if the government does not restore legal status to Solidarity, which was suppressed under martial law in Dec 1981.

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Murphy holds talks in Damascus

US, Syria try to defuse Lebanese crisis

DAMASCUS, Sept. 14, (AP): US envoy Richard Murphy met with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al-Sharaa today to discuss how to defuse a political crisis in Lebanon that threatens to reignite that country's 13-year-old civil war, officials reported.

They gave no details of the meeting. But an official source, who insisted on anonymity, said when Murphy arrived last night that reconciling Syrian and US views on Lebanon "will be a difficult and complicated task."

The United States and Syria have been seeking to ensure that a presidential election which must be held before Sept. 23 is carried out to avoid a dangerous political vacuum.

But Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, has accused Washington of obstructing the election and backing Christian Parliament members who boycotted in Aug. 18 session called to elect a new President.

Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, flew to the Syrian capital after Lebanese Parliament Speaker Hussein Husseini scheduled a parliamentary electoral session for Sept. 22.

That is only one day before President Amin Gemayel's six-year term expires. Constitutionally he cannot seek a second consecutive term.

Backing Husseini said the house would meet at the old Parliament building in the Muslim sector of Beirut, rather than the building on Beirut's dividing Green Line it has used since 1976.

Right-wing Christians rejected that, branding it a "booby trapped move ... aimed at sabotaging the presidential election session."

The Aug. 18 electoral session collapsed when Christian legislators failed to attend in protest against the candidacy of Syrian-

hacked former President Suleiman Franjeh, the only serious contender.

The Syrians have stressed they still back Franjeh, a Maronite Catholic who was President from 1970 to 1976.

Another Christian, Raymond Edde, 73, who has lived in self-imposed exile since 1976 after several abortive assassination attempts, threw his hat into the ring Monday and announced he would run as a candidate.

The right-wing Lebanese Forces, the Christian's main militia, are understood to have dropped their earlier opposition to Edde, raising some hopes that he could be acceptable to both sides as a compromise candidate.

High-level US mediation between Damascus and Lebanon's Christians hit snags last month after Franjeh announced his candidacy two days before the Aug. 18 parliament session.

But US State Department

spokesman Charles Redman said Monday: "We welcome and strongly support speaker Husseini's call for Parliament to meet Sept. 22 to elect a new President."

"We continue to believe that the Lebanese presidential election must proceed constitutionally and peacefully, with a President dedicated to reconciliation and reform taking office Sept. 23."

Officials in Damascus said that before meeting Murphy, Sharaa conferred separately with the new US Ambassador to Syria, Edward Djerejian, who arrived with Murphy, and presented his credentials.

Present Djerejian's predecessor, William Eagleton, left Syria last month after 3 1/2 years in Damascus.

The official Syrian Arab News Agency said Sharaa and Djerejian discussed the Middle East situation and US relations

with Syria.

Reliable sources said Djerejian, and David Newton, the former US ambassador to Iraq and now head of the State Department's Syria, Lebanon and Jordan desk, also attended the meeting between Murphy and Sharaa.

Syria's state-controlled media called today on "all the Lebanese to make advantage of the occasion available to save Lebanon, and to make Sept. 22 an historic day."

Syria has some 40,000 troops in eastern and northern provinces as well as the Muslim sector of Beirut.

The Christian oppose Syrians efforts to push through political reforms that would give Lebanon's Muslim majority equality with the Christians who have dominated Parliament, the Army and judiciary since independence from France in 1943.

Opposition leaders in Burma plan strategy

RANGOON, Sept. 14, (Reuters): The struggle for Burmese democracy has largely moved into political meeting rooms, diplomats said today, even though groups of militant students continued to march and chant on the streets.

Yesterday afternoon, prominent opposition figures promised to present a plan for an alternative government to student leaders within 48 hours.

Opposition leaders could not be reached by telephone yesterday, but diplomats said they would be holding meetings today and tomorrow to try to forge a united front within the 48-hour deadline.

Contact In addition to meeting senior leaders, the students are in constant contact now with the hundreds of trade unions formed as the hold of the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) has loosened, a Western diplomat said.

"There appears to be an effort to make serious negotiations,

he said.

General Tin Oo, a former defence minister who has emerged as a leading opposition figure, was busy trying to organise a system to bring rice into the capital, where many are going hungry, a diplomat said.

Diplomats and opposition sources said the agreement of former Prime Minister U Nu was critical to the formation of any plan for an interim government.

U Nu, who was ousted in a 1962 coup, tried to establish a provisional government last week but withdrew the attempt after he failed to rally support from other opposition factions.

"U Nu's group does carry a certain amount of clout for old times sake throughout the country," a diplomat said, "and they might find it easier to form a party than the other groups because U Nu goes back to the pre-1962 set up."

"Although it seems an awfully long time ago in many other countries' political life, it has happened politically in Burma that people cannot meet after

what it was like before 1962."

The 1962 coup brought Ne Win to power, where he remained until his resignation in July in the face of mounting street protests. He is still believed to have the decisive vote in setting BSPP policy.

Meeting

Last night's television news programme in Rangoon carried a report of a meeting held earlier in the day between senior opposition leaders and the government's newly appointed election commission.

The election commission was reported to regret that the opposition would not participate in the polls. The broadcast also stated the opposition position that it could not hope to have fair elections under the BSPP.

"It was a clear statement of two opposing views," a diplomat said. "It was remarkable that it was shown on television, which has been used in the past almost exclusively as a vehicle of the government."

Impasse on US bases in Philippines continues

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14, (Reuters): Philippines Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus and US Secretary of State George Shultz made no progress yesterday toward resolving an impasse over US military bases, Manglapus told reporters.

"Nothing to justify my saying we're closer together," was how Manglapus summed up a 45-minute discussion at the State Department.

"We reiterated the point of view of the Philippines government, he reiterated the US government position and that's where we stood."

Purpose

US officials and congressional sources say Washington will not bow to Philippines demands for \$1.2 billion in annual aid to pave the way for a new agreement on US retention of strategic Subic Bay Naval Base and Clark Air Base after 1991.

Manglapus said after talks yesterday: "In absolute and relative terms, we have not been getting what we ought to be getting. He said the base were primarily there to serve US

global strategy, not to protect the Philippines, and that the Philippines had received no compensation for the bases until the late 1970s.

Manglapus, Manila's chief negotiator on the bases, will meet congressional leaders this week and is expected to see Shultz again later this month in New York during the opening of the United Nations General Assembly session.

Shultz said in a speech last Friday: "We frankly think that what the Philippines seem to be asking is out of bounds."

Congressional sources told Reuters last week Manila had rejected an interim US aid offer of \$481 million a year for 1989 and 1990, including \$360 million in annual security assistance and economic support funds.

"They want \$1.2 billion a year but they are not going to get it," said a congressional official, who asked not to be identified.

Subic and Clark are two of the most important US bases, considered key bastions of American power in the Pacific, and Washington wants to continue using them.



A soldier distributes food to flood victims at a relief camp near Dhaka.

Rains renew disaster fears in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sept. 14, (AP): Heavy overnight rains flooded Khartoum's streets yesterday, snarling traffic and causing damage in several shantytowns for a second time in just over a month.

Some houses collapsed in a Khartoum quarter, raising fears of a renewal of last month's disaster that killed at least 96 people and left millions homeless in central, western and northern Sudan.

Thousands of workers and employees lined up, waiting for buses held up by traffic jams, and many shops and restaurants were closed.

The rains started late Monday and went on through the night until early yesterday. Houses in the shantytowns of Haj Yusuf, Karoon Kassala and Takamul around Khartoum, weakened in the August downpour, are near total collapse, witnesses said.

More than eight inches (20 cm) of rain fell on Khartoum Aug. 4-5, triggering massive floods that were made worse by the annual flood of the Nile from drought-breaking rains upstream in Ethiopia.

Situation becoming difficult in Bangladesh

Acute shortage of fresh food

DHAKA, Sept. 14, (Reuters): The death toll in devastating monsoon floods in Bangladesh topped 1,000 today after at least 50 more people died of disease and snakebites, officials said.

However, daily reports in Dhaka newspapers have recorded a total of 1,723 deaths so far. Officials said nearly 300,000 other people infected with diarrhoea, dysentery and other water-borne diseases were facing acute shortages of fresh food and medicine.

"Trying to save them is an uphill battle and the situation is becoming more difficult with gradual recession of the floodwaters," said one doctor at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad has ordered all hospitals to open special units for diarrhoeal patients and to keep the sick in overcrowded refugee

camps isolated from others.

"Let us fight the floods and the problems it brought united and squarely," he told flood victims in southeastern Comilla district yesterday.

Ershad repeated his confidence that no one would die from starvation but said the economic losses caused by the floods would be colossal.

According to official figures, the flooding, worst on record in Bangladesh, destroyed eight million homes, leaving 30 million people homeless.

The deluge also washed away three million tonnes of rice in the fields, destroyed 3,500 km (2,200 miles) of roads, 630 km (390 miles) of rail lines and 250 bridges.

Bangladesh has so far received pledges of \$280 million in flood aid from various governments and international agencies, and 10 helicopters to ferry relief supplies to the victims.

But officials said emergency supplies and logistics are still inadequate to feed or reach millions of people marooned in 53 of the country's 64 administrative districts.

At Balurchar village, three miles (five km) from Dhaka, people who were living perched on trees have now shifted onto the roofs of their homes as the flood level dropped by about three feet (one metre).

"Only voluntary organisations are sending us one meal in two or three days," said villager Harunur Rashid.

The chief of the United Nations Disaster Relief Organisation, Mohamed Essafi, who arrived yesterday to co-ordinate international relief efforts, described the floods as a national catastrophe.

"My first job here should be to assess the magnitude of the catastrophe in order to be able to move relief quickly," he told reporters.

Reagan wants to admit 94,000 refugees

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14, (Reuters): The Reagan administration has proposed admitting 94,000 refugees and Vietnamese children fathered by American servicemen to the United States in the year starting Oct. 1.

The figure, which depends on Congress providing sufficient funds, compares with 83,500 expected to be admitted during the current fiscal year and would be the highest refugee admission total since 1982.

The new ceiling was made public by Secretary of State George Shultz, who told the Senate Judiciary committee it included 53,000 people from Asia, mostly Indochina.

It also includes 24,500 from East Europe and the Soviet Union, 3,500 from Latin America, 2,000 from Africa and 7,000 from the Middle East and South Asia.

Shultz said progress was being made in efforts to bring out of Vietnam Amerasians fathered by US servicemen during the Vietnam war and other Vietnamese under a so-called orderly departure programme started nine years ago to provide a legal alternative to departures from the country by boat.

Gorbachev defends reform policies

MOSCOW, Sept. 14, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, facing a second day of haranguing on the streets of the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, defended his perestroika reform policies and called on people to do more for themselves.

Soviet television yesterday showed Gorbachev mingling with crowds in Krasnoyarsk, where he was greeted on his arrival on Monday with a stream of complaints about the Kremlin's failure to improve food supplies.

Attitude

"Every leader would like to open a box and offer the people the contents," he told workers outside a chemicals plant, "but we have nothing to open."

Facing a bombardment of criticism about food supplies, prices, work conditions and pollution, the Kremlin leader blamed government attitudes, ministerial blunders and bad planning, but said it was up to the people to work themselves.

"People keep coming to me and saying, 'Mikhail Sergeyevich, do something,'" Gorbachev said. "But it is time to abandon Tsars and dictators. Of

course we need authoritative people and leaders, but at all levels, from the bottom up."

A number of people complained bitterly about the recently-introduced co-operative system, a mainstay of Gorbachev's perestroika, or economic restructuring.

Answering charges that co-operative ventures attracted the best workers out of the state sector, Gorbachev said that such ventures would be essential to help prevent unemployment when industry shed up to 14 million jobs by the year 2000.

But he conceded that some of the prices being charged by co-operatives were excessive. "Five times as much as the state price is outrageous," he said.

TV

The television also showed a meeting between Gorbachev and local leaders and heads of enterprises, where he took the opportunity to pass on some of the complaints he had heard.

Interrupting an address on meat production figures, the Soviet leader retorted: "Your calculations say we have almost reached the right figure, but the people are laughing."

W. German hostage savours freedom

BONN, Sept. 14, (Reuters): West German businessman Rudolf Cordes has returned home from 20 months captivity after being released by his Lebanese kidnappers — a freedom Bonn says was won without concessions.

Gaunt but apparently physically healthy, Cordes arrived at Cologne-Bonn airport on a special Air Force jet late on Tuesday night, exactly a day after his abductors set him free on a Beirut Street. From there he had been taken to Damascus.

He was whisked away by another plane in the darkness to an undisclosed location.

Throughout Tuesday triumphant politicians in Bonn said Cordes' release — just over a year after a second West German, Alfred Schmidt, was set free by Lebanese kidnappers — had shown the merits of good relations with Iran and Syria.

But Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Chancellor Minister Wolfgang Schäuble, head of the government's hostage crisis team, stressed that Bonn had made no financial deal or exchange for a Lebanese hijacker on trial in Frankfurt.

Schäuble, who flew to Damascus yesterday with Cordes' wife Marlene to greet the former captive and bring him home, told national television that Cordes, 55, was in good health "considering the circumstances."

Ground-breaking visit to Hungary

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14, (Reuters): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir went to Hungary today for the first visit by an Israeli premier to an East European country, except Romania, since Israel's creation in 1948.

Aides said the visit was a private one but Shamir would stay in a residence for high-ranking government guests and meet Prime Minister Karoly Grosz and Foreign Minister Peter Varkonyi.

"The visit will last several days, it has not yet been decided exactly how long," one aide said.

Ties between Israel and Hungary were re-established last year at a lower-than-ambassadorial level after a 20-year-break initiated by the Soviet Union and followed by all East European countries, except Romania, during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

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KSRC may help clear Shatt Al Arab waterway

By Fathima Ahmed

A TOP executive of the Kuwait Shipbuilding and Repairyard Co. (KSRC) has said his company will "get involved with clearing" the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway of war debris and mines and stands a good chance of doing the work.

KSRC's Managing Director Mousa Jafar Marafi said his company was at an advantage due to Kuwait's proximity to the waterway.

Findings

"We are the nearest and our costs are economic. We also have the facilities, trained and skilled staff. Quality vs price, we are competitive," he said.

KSRC has begun a survey to study prospects and is "interested in dredging the waterway" to clear war debris and mines. KSRC's subsidiary, Gulf Dredging Co., would do the work along with other regional and foreign companies, Marafi said.

Marafi did not divulge the

findings of the survey, which is nearly complete, but said "a lot of work is involved" and the task would require tremendous effort by several companies, both regional and foreign.

Marafi said the clearing of the waterway will start only after safety has been ensured. He said: "No one will go (to Shatt Al Arab) until he is sure on his safety."

The dispute on sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab is one of the main causes of the deadlock during the Geneva peace talks, which adjourned on Tuesday. Iraq and Iran have agreed to observe the ceasefire which took effect on Aug 20.

Indicator

After the ceasefire KSRC began gearing up for more business after an eight-year slowdown. Marine work had nearly halted at the Kuwait-based repair yard, which failed to attract business due to its proximity to the war zone.

Marafi admitted the market had been on a decline for the

past few years" but is confident business will improve. Business is now picking up. One indicator was the recent arrival to Kuwait of two ships trapped by the Gulf war for eight years in Khawr Zubayr, a port in a narrow estuary south of Basra in Iraq.

The 23,669 tonne Panama-flag container ship Crescent and the 10,523 tonne Greek-flag ship Dimitrios arrived on their own power on Sept 7.

The Crescent, after minor repairs at the ship yard, left Kuwait earlier this week.

Marafi said the ships were "surprisingly in worthy condition," mainly because the crew was maintaining them.

The Dimitrios is under repair, requiring hull maintenance, painting and correction of some mechanical faults.

If the peace talks lead to a firm truce, the company expects more business to come their way. According to Lloyd's Shipping List, 93 ships are trapped in the northern Gulf, 75 in the Shatt Al Arab, nine in Khawr Zubayr and nine in Umm Qasr Port.

Kuwait condemns US accusations against Iraq

FOR the second time in two days, Kuwait has condemned American allegations that Iraq used chemical weapons on Kurdish rebels.

A Kuwaiti spokesman said US Ambassador to Kuwait W. Nathaniel Howell was summoned to the Foreign Ministry yesterday, where Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen expressed Kuwait's "extreme concern" over Washington's accusations.

It was the second Kuwaiti move against the US Senate's decision to impose sanctions on Iraq. Kuwait's Cabinet Sunday expressed regret at the Senate move.

"Al Shaheen also relayed to the US diplomat Kuwait's regret over the way the American media exploited such allegations... at a time when neutral bodies such as the International Red Crescent announced they had not found evidence Iraq used chemical weapons," the spokesman said.

While Kuwait is keen to see world attention focus on the current negotiations between Iraq and Iran in Geneva, Washington's invoking of such issues will only complicate the negotiation process and undermine chances for a comprehensive peace settlement, he said.

Kuwait, which buys most of its arms from the United States, gave Iraq strong support during the war, as did Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan.

Underline

Saudi Arabia denounced the Senate sanctions vote against Iraq in a report issued by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) on Tuesday.

"Saudi Arabia expresses its deep regret for these efforts and reiterates its complete support for Iraq's efforts to bring peace, security and stability to the Arabian Gulf region," SPA quoted an official as saying.

The Bahrain Foreign Ministry also issued a statement on Tues-



Al Shaheen.

day regretting the US accusations, which diplomats in the region have said could undermine US influence with Arab countries.

The 21-member Arab League, ending a meeting of its Foreign Ministers' Council in Tunis on Monday, condemned what it called the media campaign against Iraq.

"The council announces its condemnation of this campaign and reaffirms its total solidarity with Iraq," it said.

No evidence

Other Arab states, including Jordan and Kuwait, have accused American Jewish lobbyists of swaying the Senate and attacking Iraq to divert attention from Israel's actions against Palestinian rebels in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

The US accusations were repeated on Tuesday by Secretary of State George Shultz who told a Senate committee the evidence was conclusive.

About 60,000 Kurds have fled the fighting into Turkey, which said yesterday its medical experts found no evidence that chemical arms had been used against the refugees.

A UN spokeswoman said on

Tuesday, UN and Red Cross representatives who visited Kurdish refugees in northwestern Iraq also found no sign of injuries from chemical weapons.

In Washington, the United States and key allies asked the United Nations Tuesday to send investigators to Iraq to determine if poison gas is being used against Kurdish rebels.

Britain, West Germany and Japan joined in the request to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, asking the United Nations to dispatch investigators to northern Iraq to look for evidence of chemical warfare in Iraq's rugged northernmost province of Kurdistan.

Deny

But an Iraqi official said Tuesday his country probably will not allow the UN team enter Iraq.

"This is considered a question of sovereignty and therefore I do not think we are going to accept that," said the official who insisted he not be named.

The UN secretary-general asked Iraq later at night to allow the team to proceed with the investigation, supported by Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland.

The official repeated Iraq's denials that it had used such weapons and said the US did not provide any proof.

"How can it be? Did they get it from God? We deny the use of chemical weapons, especially in this case," he stressed.

Unclear

The official noted that during the war with Iran, halted by a ceasefire on Aug 20, Iraqi officials used "flexible" language which left it unclear if they were using chemical warfare.

They maintained they had the right to use any means to repel invaders. "This case is different," he said, referring to the fact the Kurds are Iraqi citizens.

The official said that his country also was not likely to give the United States assurances it was not using chemical weapons, if the demand was considered a violation of Iraq's sovereignty.

The UN Security Council passed last Friday calls for economic sanctions against Iraq unless American President Ronald Reagan certifies Iraq has provided assurances it did not use such methods against the Kurdish population.

But he indicated Iraq would have no objection to assurances that it did not consider violate its sovereignty.

4,202 cases patronised by Minors Authority

THE 1987 annual report of the Public Authority for Minors Affairs has revealed that 4,202 cases are still being patronised by the authority and the number of cases is expected to reach 9,699 by 1993.

Since its establishment, the authority has patronised 30,024 minors, 2,578 of whom had patronage withdrawn in 1987 according to the report.

Particular concern is being given to the investment of minors' funds. The authority has set up an investment policy aimed at increasing investment yields and diminishing risk opportunities, the report said.

The report also disclosed that the authority is negotiating with the Credit and Savings Bank on the issue of exempting minors from repaying parents' loans. Such debts totalled KD600,000 in 1987, but these will be treated as lapsed upon the death of borrowers, the report added.

Flag Square to be cultivated

THE chairman of the Committee for Celebration of Afforestation Week, Abdul Mohsen Al Ghalaf, said yesterday that a timetable has been devised to plant trees in several open areas in the country starting on Oct 15.

Ghalaf, who is also director of the Parks Department at the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources said, in an interview with Kuwait News Agency, that one of the areas chosen to be cultivated is the Flag Square where grass and 1,500 trees of various types will be planted.

Depends

The afforestation project, carried out by the Public Authority, depends on citizens cutting down their water consumption to provide enough water for irrigation.

The afforestation project is aimed at improving weather conditions in the country and increasing the percentage of oxygen in the air. Ghalaf said the project will also lessen the reper-



Al Ghalaf.

cussions of sand storms. He also urged those who camp during the spring season to not destroy the desert's wild plants, because there are plans to beautify desert areas as well.

Sheikh Sabah discusses Afghan crisis with Wakil

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad met yesterday with his Afghan counterpart, Abdul Wakil, and discussed latest developments in the Afghan crisis, officials said.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Sheikh Sabah stressed the importance of "solving conflicts and disputes through negotiations and by peaceful means."

The Kuwaiti spokesman said "sitting at the negotiating table is considered the best and only way to solve any dispute and any problem."

Kuwait is the only state among the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council to maintain diplomatic ties with the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

Amir of Qatar meets Bahraini prince

DOHA, Sept 14 (KUNA): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, has today with visiting Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa.

Qatar News Agency said talks dealt with bilateral relations, Gulf and Arab issues of mutual concern and "ways to boost co-operation and understanding among the Gulf Co-operation Council states."

Sheikh Hamad arrived here earlier today in response to an invitation by Qatari Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Al Thani.

Civil defence directors discuss public safety

RIYADH, Sept 14 (KUNA): Civil defence general directors of the six GCC member states ended their second session here last night under the chairmanship of Lieut. General Hashim Abdul Rahman, the director general of Saudi Civil Defence.

Addressing the final session, Hashim said that the meeting dealt with public safety and protection from natural and industrial hazards.

He said the participants expressed sincere desire for reaching realistic practical resolutions on these matters.

No plan for government daily

THE Kuwaiti government has no intention to publish a government daily or open a commercial television channel, according to the Information Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jaffer.

Meanwhile, the new censorship law is still being studied and will take into consideration the interests of the public, he added.

Censorship procedures as laid down by the ministry are a form of joint censorship between the ministry and the local press taking into consideration circumstances prevailing in the region, Jaffer said.

Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah, the Minister of Information, is giving special attention to developing the ministry's administrative and technical staff, he added.

Kuwait is proud of its local press and would like the majority of its journalistic staff to be Kuwaiti nationals, Jaffer said. A department for information at Kuwait University is also being planned, Jaffer said.

Ministry will open four service centres

MOHAMMED AL RAKHIS, head of the Commercial Licences Department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has said that the ministry will modernise service centres in Kuwait's industrial areas.

In an interview with a local daily, he said that the department will start operating four new service centres during the next three months.

Meanwhile, the department still lacks data to provide comprehensive information on the industrial sector in Kuwait, he said. The ministry is keen to support industry to further extend its economic and development role.

Al Rakhis emphasised that the ministry, in co-operation with the relevant authorities, strives to find solutions to violations in Shuwaikh Industrial Area. The department has cut red tape in the licence renewal process, he added.

Furthermore, the ministry has stipulated a maximum four month period for submission of industrial feasibility studies, Al Rakhis said.

Grand Mosque expansion under way

RIYADH, Sept 13, (Reuters): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia gave the go ahead today for a project to increase the capacity of Islam's holiest mosque in Makkah to accommodate 605,000 Muslims.

Official figures showed the new project would make space for an extra 205,000 people at the Grand Mosque, built around the black square-shaped Ka'aba.

Riyadh this year enforced a quota system of one pilgrim for every 1,000 Muslims in any country to cut the number of visitors while construction work was under way in Makkah.

About 1.4 million Muslims performed the pilgrimage in July but in past years more than two million Muslims visited the holy sites for the pilgrimage (haj).

Shrimp fishermen call for changes

LOCAL fishermen have presented a number of demands to the Department of Agriculture and Fish Wealth concerning the improvement of the shrimp fishing industry in Kuwait.

They called for the extension of shrimp fishing periods in the evening, claiming that the number of shrimps increases in the cool of the night.

Other fishermen demanded an increase in the issue of licences to encourage the boat-building industry.

Cramped conditions at the fish market in Kuwait Souk have prompted complaints from both residents and fishermen. The fishermen's union president said that the market will be transferred to the Nogat Al Shamlan area at the beginning of next

Road closed

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of the Interior has said that a part of the 6th Ring Road was closed yesterday for alterations to telephone cables.

The section of road, between its junction with Airport Road and Ghazali Road, will be reopened late Friday.

The source has asked drivers to use alternative routes, which are: Airport Road, Ghazali Road and the 5th Ring Road.

Cultural committee formed in Kuwait

PARIS, Sept 14 (KUNA): Kuwait has formed a National Committee for Culture in accordance with decisions of the general conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, it was disclosed here yesterday.

Speaking at the first session for the International Committee of International Decade for Cultural Development (ICDD), councillor at the Amiri Diwan Abdulaziz Hussein said that the Kuwaiti National Committee is anxious to call a meeting of all national Arab committees for

culture.

The meeting, will be to co-ordinate activities in the framework of the ICDD programme, he said.

He said the world needs intensive media campaigns to identify the meaning and implication of the word culture. "Culture is no longer a luxury monopolised by a small minority... it is a daily meal and a style of life, especially in the developing world."

Despite his strong support for cultural forms and norms, Hussein opposed a permanent international council for culture under UNESCO because other international institutions, affiliated with or outside UNESCO, can do the job.

Sudanese official meets Kuwaiti minister

VISITING Sudanese Tourism Minister Amin Bashir Al Ghanini met yesterday with Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad.

The meeting at Sheikh Jaber's office focused on ways to strengthen media and tourism co-operation between the two countries.

The Sudanese minister also thanked Kuwait for its generous relief aid to his country during the recent flood disaster.

27 traffic accidents reported in Kuwait

THERE were 27 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday, according to an official source at Kuwait's Ministry of Interior.

Two men died at Fahheel area and Sixth Ring Road and one accident was reported in the capital, six in Hawalli, 11 in Al Ahmadi Governorate and nine in Al-Jahra Governorate, the source added.

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Some companies removed, others added to blacklist

THE Israeli Boycott Office of the Arab League has lifted the embargo on some foreign companies which have been dealing with Jews, imposed the partial or full embargo on others and banned the import of specific goods from certain countries.

A statement released yesterday by the Kuwait Office of the Boycott Commission said the American company Tenneco Inc. and its subsidiaries in the United States and Europe, the American company Davol Inc. and the British Davol International Ltd, the American company the Coca Cola Co. and the American Topex Inc, Quared Co., Monsanto Co. and Horizon Industries Inc. have been removed from the blacklist.

Struck off

Other companies removed from the blacklist include the three Canadian companies of Intalite International NV, Maple Leaf Mills Ltd, and Mathews Conveyor Company of Canada Ltd, the German companies Triumph International AG and Stena Baumgarten and Co., the British companies London City and Westcliff Properties Ltd and its subsidiaries in Britain and Holland and City Swingers Ltd and the Austrian company

Radex Herakdith Industries AG.

Also struck off the blacklist were Laboratorio Maymo SA of Spain, Fujitsu Ltd of Japan, Cypriot Chocolate Viomichan, Indian Expo India or its name of Dye Chem Trading Co. and its subsidiaries, Ravi SPA of Italy, Greek John Iakounis, Maltese John Bezzina and Sons Ltd, Houston Well Screen International of Singapore and its present name of Houston Well Screen (Asia) Pte Ltd.

Partial

The release said that the Boycott Office has decided to lift the partial embargo on the Cypriot companies of Kosmos Trading Ltd, Vasoil Company Ltd, Iacovo Photiades Foodstuff Suppliers Ltd, Heat Air Con Ltd, Nesaco Engineers Ltd, Dessa Imports-Exports Distributors and Geopet Aluminium Ltd.

The Indian company of Greaves Semiconductors Ltd and its Indian company of Greaves Cotton and Co Ltd, Eusebio Gonales Cia SA of Spain, the Dutch company Ravas BV and Belgium Scala Plastics NV and its Belgium subsidiary Kado NV have also been removed from partial embargo. However, a number of com-

panies have been placed on the blacklist including the British Publishing House of George Weidenfeld and Nicolson Ltd, the Kenyan Pan Africa Co., the French KIS France and its subsidiaries, the Malaysian Holiday Villages of Malaysia, Lamentati Industriale SPA of Italy, the Cypriot Paporis Michael Import-Export Agencies and the Greek Dimitria Enterprises Ltd and Cosmos Ltd.

Embargo

The embargo included the four American companies of Paramount Cards Inc, American Cystoscope Makers Inc, Turbine Services Ltd and the National Political Action Committee, the five Canadian companies of Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd, the Dominion Trust Co, IWS Ferrous Ltd and Almar Industries Inc and Westchester Sports wear Inc and the four Spanish companies of Ramta SA, Tadiran SA, Lindel Espana SA and Union de Explosivos Rio Tinto.

Tache Cie SA and Pexel Products of Belgium and Quality Chemical Industries and Britania Industries Ltd, which is 40 per cent owned by American Nabisco Brands Ltd, have also been blacklisted.

EVENTS

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

CINEMA

Children's Film
SEPT 15: British Council, Mansouriya, 10.30 am: children's film *Alas the Jester*. Children of all nationalities welcome. Free admission but advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 2533204.

THEATRE

KLT
SEPT 20/21: KLT, Ahmadi, 7.30 pm. Auditions for pantomime Jack and Beanstalk. Those interested can audition the theatre in Ahmadi. The group needs volunteers for backstage help.

Konkani Drama
OCT 7: IAC, Funtitees, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximitee", featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

MUSIC

Sounds Great
SEPT 15, 3 pm/Sept. 16, 11 am/Sept. 17, 7.30 pm: Universal American School, Salwa. Audition for singers, dancers and musicians for the next Sounds Great Show, scheduled to be held at the Salwa Hall, from Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston on 574023 or 574024.

Kuwait Singers
SEPT 18: Kuwait Singers start rehearsals for their winter concert on Sunday, 7.30 pm, and not Monday, at the Sunshine School, Salwa. New members particularly welcome.

Indian Ballet
SEPT 22: 7.00 pm, at IAC, Funtitees: Narthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs. Prameela Sundran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and Nrithaslipas at annual show, Nrithasav. Admission will be strictly limited. For free passes, call 4337608.

Ahmadi Music Society
SEPT 24: 7.30 pm, KLT, Ahmadi. Rehearsals commence for the Society's annual concert. Scheduled to be held on Dec 11, 12 and 13. Newcomers are welcome. For details Tel: 391-2384; 398-3964; 390-1782.

Country Western Musical
SEPT 27: Gala Night of KLT and ACT's annual Country Western Musical 7.30 pm at KLT, Ahmadi.

SEPT 28 and 29, night shows, 8 pm.
SEPT 30: matinee at 5 pm. For bookings call 5727558; 5712033; 5620332.

East meets West
OCT 6: IAC, 6.30 pm: "East meets West", a musical evening by The Fams. Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by passes Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC - 3904817.



Rehearsals are in full swing for the Indian ballet show on Sept 22 at IAC. The classical dance group Narthana will present Panchavadi, a musical drama, and Nrithaslipas. Above: some dancers rehearsing for the show.

Beet Show

OCT 14: IAC, 3.30 pm: Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands - City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Guitar Recital

OCT 19: German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton. "Hymns of Eternity", one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

SOCIAL

Open Day
SEPT 15: 9 am to 1 pm, Steps Studio: Introduction to children's dance activities at the Studio. Children and parents welcome. For details phone 574-7313.

Kuwait Players

Poolside BBQ
SEPT 21: Messilah Beach Hotel, 8 pm: Kuwait Players poolside BBQ. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tickets - KD2 per person. For reservations Tel: 394-1572.

Verca Sporting Centre
SEPT 22: SAS Hotel's Tent, 8 pm: Verca Sporting Centre's third annual social evening. Music by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Highlights: Beauty Queen contest, ideal couple contest, fancy dress, games and more. For reservations and details contact Magd Abdel - 1441-8800, Albert 281-0461, or James 5331940.

Contact
SEPT 24, SAS Hotel, 10.30 am: Contact Ladies Information Group meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details phone 487-4513 or 5388705.

Sounds Great Party
SEPT 29: Messilah Beach Hotel, 8 pm: Sounds Great group's "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party. Music by Top Ranks and Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adoli 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

D'Assisi Association
OCT 7: Holy Family Cathedral, 8 am: D'Assisi Association's 8th annual thanksgiving mass. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin - 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry - 3291909 (am). Goan Fiesta 88

OCT 13: Messilah Beach Hotel, Habiba Ballroom: Goan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goan Association. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 481-3740.

Nite Flight '88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel, Tent: Airlines staff in association with SAS, Kuwait. Music by Top Brassbands. Highlights include beauty contest, games and other games. For details phone Gregory - 473-3718; Marshall 471-6721.

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At the Holiday Inn
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VIENNESE CAFE: fresh pastries and cakes and other refreshments.

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At the Sheraton
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GANDOUL GRILL GARDEN: 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialities.

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Games scheduled this week: SEPT 15, 6.30 pm, 300 Club: Men's Division: (1) Hatid Ligaya vs Abughoshe Intl.; (2) Al Nakib Al Qatar vs Al Gabandi; (3) Phil. Supreme vs Far East Rest.

SEPT 16, 1 pm (same venue): (1) Port Public Authority vs Magnolia Ice Cream; (2) 300 Club vs Kayne Asso. Inc.; (3) Al Gabandi vs Satellite Co.

SEPT 16, 9 am (same venue): Women's Division: (1) Boodai Aviation vs Far East Rest; (2) Magnolia Ice Cream vs Geds & Kayne Asso. Inc.

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9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Hikayat Al Alamiya: Stories from Around the World.
10.05 Al Bustan: Arabic play, featuring Majed Sultan, Abdul Nasser Al Zaer.
11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music.
11.20 Al Islam Wal Insan: religious programme.
12.00 Short Stories: "Al Laila Al Ula." Starring: Abdul Hadi Anwar, Jamal Zaghoul, Jilan Kamal, Fatima Faed.

12.30 Magic Show
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.40 Fawazir Munasabat
2.15 Al Mawazana: Arabic play, featuring Hina Moham-mad, Bahjat Jab-bouri, Fawzia Hassan.

3.35 Heidi: cartoons
4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore
5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly roundup of local events
7.45 Documentary
8.30 Ma'a Islam: With Islam

9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Ala Kaff: Arabic feature film, starring Farid Shawki, Athar Al Hakim, Farouk Fishawi, Madiba Yusra.

11.45 Thursday Night Variety Show
12.45 Aghniya Mukhtara: variety show
1.30 News Summary

1.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/closedown

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.30 Early Morning Music
10.00 Robin Hood: cartoon serial
10.45 Al Kalimah Tayyibah: religious programme
11.15 Friday Prayer
12.25 Min Wahi Al Ayat Al Bayyanat: religious talk

1.35 Interval
2.00 Summer '88
2.15 Hadith Deeni: weekly religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi
3.00 Adat Se Majboor: Hindi feature film.

5.45 Cartoons
7.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.30 Islamic Art in Morocco, prepared and presented by Adnan Al Ramhi.

8.15 KTV Programmes' Preview
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly talk on Islam

9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Wrestling
10.50 Al Jaliyat: Arabic play, featuring Samia Al Afi, Nabil Al Halafawi, Mahmoud Ahu Zaid. Comedy.

12.00 News Summary, followed by Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2
5.00 Holy Quran
5.05 Cartoons
5.25 Local football: Live broadcast of Al Arabi & Kuwait vs.

Fanaja & Oman. Full House: "Return of Grandma". The family try to tidy their house in honour of grandma's arrival...

8.00 News in English
8.40 High Mountain Rangers: "The Ordeal." Codie is convinced by his mother to live in a city... but unexpected events force him to reverse his decision.

9.30 Married Dora: "Westcoast Story." Dora is asked to organise a charity gala.

10.00 The Hit Squad: laughs, fun and sneaky hidden cameras hackfire on the hit squad

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Laguna Heat." Starring: Mary Hamilton, Jason Robards.

12.00 News Summary: Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown.

FRIDAY
2.00 Holy Quran
2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Sports Studio
6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons
6.30 Bay City Rollers Show: songs, music and a short story for children

7.00 Walt Disney Film: "Charlie, the Lovesome Cougar." The story of a cougar and a hunter.

8.00 News in English
8.30 Summer '88
8.40 The Twilight Zone: three stories about unusual events and accidents

9.30 227: "The Audit." Mary Jenkins and her husband face trouble for tax evasion.

10.00 Spectacular World of Guinness Records: David Frost presents the smallest jet plane; largest family gathering; a 17-year-old rodeo champion and a shepherd who sets a record in shearing wool.

10.30 Tour of Duty: "Roadrunner." Goldman's team is told to raid a Vietnamese village.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown.

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Mary (Maria Gibbs) and Lester (Hal Williams) face tax collectors in Friday's episode of 227, 10 pm on KTV 2.

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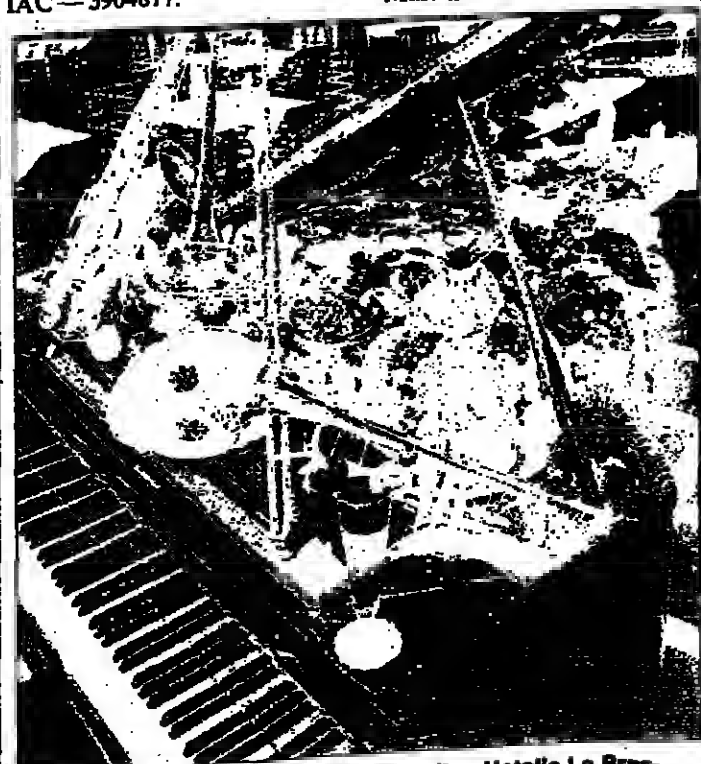


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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

Ill-judged remarks betray narrow minds

When stars talk ... sparks fly

BOMBAY'S film stars are well-known for shooting off all kinds of remarks, opinions, comments and even attacks on others in the industry. Their ill-judged remarks are published and quoted as if they were pearls of wisdom, though behind their backs people laugh at the limited knowledge and narrow perspective of these popular stars. The most they can talk about is their own small world of cinema and its rivalry, envy, mutual condemnation and of course the hlah blah about their own roles.

And the stars don't seem to realise that their own words boomerang against them. Many times they are compelled to deny, withdraw or eat their own words. Often, what they have been quoted as saying some months ago turns out to be completely false in the light of what they actually do. Nevertheless, all these conflicts make interesting fare for the observers who are attached to the cinema. So the best thing is to take star quotes with a pinch of salt and keep our own comments reserved.

For example, the new face Sonam recently went full blast against the makers of Aakhi Adalat. "These Mehra don't know how to make films. Director Rajiv Mehra is a confused man. He could not even plan what he wanted in the film. Otherwise why should they cut out so many of my scenes after shooting them?"

In retaliation as well as in his defence, family chief F.C. Mehra said: "Sonam is not an actress at all. It was very difficult to make her act. We never wanted to take her. She kept on

calling and pestering us to include her in the cast."

All this is not good publicity for an actress whose first two films have just been released and who has been accepted more for her scanty clothes than talent. She may scare off other producers if the wrong word spreads about her.

At the other extreme is Asha Sachdev, the old war-horse who has failed in films as well as in politics. For once, she sounded honest when she said: "My laughter is the saddest part of me. After so many years my tears have dried and turned into loud laughs."

Arrow Dimple has been very inspired by her so-called women's lib films such as Zakhmi Aarati and Mera Shikar or perhaps it is a shrewd way of promoting her films. These days she is talking like a champion of women's rights. "Men must not just dominate and get away. They must accept responsibility. They should respect the feelings of women. We have been oppressed a lot. I don't claim to be a leader. And in a country where people die of hunger, it is a silly drama to go on hunger strikes."

This last barb was obviously directed at Shabana Azmi, who goes on hunger strikes for the sake of hut dwellers but lives in

two luxury houses and makes trips to London and other cities for better health and fun.

Currently Shabana is keeping a low profile about her public life, as she has not much of a career left to speak about. But leave it to Shatrughan Sinha to make homastic statements: "I don't belong to any political party. I am neither for the government nor for the opposition. I only belong to the public and nobody else but the public."

On the other hand Shatrughan also uses his clever humour to ward off awkward questions as to why he is acting in nearly fifty films at the moment. He says: "Look, I am an illiterate man. I can't count properly. Better ask the people who know."

Another actor who talks big is Rajinikanth. About his daily routine his favourite line is: "I go all alone in a room in my house. There are mirrors all around. I keep admiring myself. I jump, dance and make karate poses. This is nothing abnormal." Well, all this practice has not done Rajinikanth much good on the Hindi screen.

Pretends

Anupam Kher who is now being typecast as a villainous Mafia don or gangster says: "I have met many such people in real life and observed them. They are not like what we see in films in any way. They don't make faces and gestures, they don't laugh loudly and crudely. My character in Karma was loosely based on that of Charles Sobhraj. But films take a lot of liberties." Well, Anupam is at least frank in admitting that he cannot play his characters the way he wants. About his personal life too he is outspoken. "Both I and my wife Kiran have had previous partners. We married with an understanding to forget all that. Ah! But have their earlier loves forgotten as well."

Sri Devi always pretends to



Mithun: no comments on Sri Devi ... or else

present a picture of innocence and will answer all difficult questions. (Usually in the same words of her questioner). It is very common for stars to tell scribes: "Please you write out something for me in your flowery language." So the questions as well as the answers in most interviews are written by the journalists themselves on their desk-top. But Sri Devi often stumbles or gets stuck on any one high-sounding word and says: "Don't use all these big words. I am a simple girl. Ask me simple things." It only exposes her hypocrisy and the fact that most of her

interviews are actually fake. Consider what she said of "Nagina": "I am sure there was some supernatural spirit

Firoze Khan reacts angrily to the stories of his affair with a girl half his age. He sticks to the old line of being a happy family man. But he has been seen and also photographed with his young girl friend Jyotika, who he brings to some parties and functions. It is an open secret. What people are wondering is when he will give Jyotika a break in films. But then Feroz, like his brothers usually like to keep their women to themselves.

Would you believe there are still people who make 'horrible' horror films. And they even give it names like Murda (corpse). There are also producers who can still sign flop hero Javed Khan for such films. Naturally they do need some charmers and cuties to support



Meenakshi (left), the so-called intellectual, has a chat with Sri Devi, the bird-brain.

behind me when I was working in that film."

Meenakshi Sheshadri on the other hand is supposed to be a bit more intelligent. But whenever an interview is published, she and her mother first look at the photographs to see if they have done her justice. If they don't like the photos, they also don't like the interview and the magazine. Still Meenakshi keeps making profound statements: "If an actress has to make a long-term impact, she must live by her talent. After she is gone she must be remembered as an artist for her roles and not as Number One or highest paid or most busy heroine." Perhaps, the grapes are sour for her.

Once Mithun used to talk

about his affair with Sri Devi and at one midnight party he even confessed a secret marriage with her. But now if anyone asks him anything about the Madras actress, he flares up and utters just two words: "No comment." He does that with so much venom that the questioner begins to see his old Naxalite (terrorist) image again. On the subject of politics, where he once actively supported a communal party, leading to riots, he now says: "It was all done for friendly relations. I have no intention to go into politics. I will keep miles away from it."

Similarly Vinod Khanna has sworn not to answer any questions about his estranged wife Geetanjali and children, and

whether they will return. He calls it "personal" and dismisses it. But if he is maligned for coming late, drinking on the sets, cancelling dates etc, Vinod puts up a very innocent noble front: "If I want to harass, why should I sign a film at all? Producers come to me every day with offers." And about Prakash Mehra criticising him for not being in Jadoogar with Amitabh, Vinod says: "The whole script had nothing but Amitabh and Amitabh, what was left for me to do? Prakash Mehra said he would change the script. But he did not seem honest about the whole project from the start." Now if Prakash Mehra is made to answer this, then violent sparks are sure to fly all around.

Behind the screen

the whole project. Otherwise the murder (corpse) would not be able to stand.

Producer Arjun Hingorani first tried to run a consultancy service for film producers. When that failed, he advertised widely that big manufacturing companies could include their commercial products in his new under-production film, Kaam Kare Karbani starring Dharmaendra, Govinda, Anita Raj etc. He has promised that he will make the stars themselves praise the shampoo or scooter or TV set. Govinda has already started this trend by promoting

a washing powder in Tohfa Muhabbat Ka.

While performing a guest role in Gul Anand's Hero Hiralal, Amitabh was dressed in white. Then Gul wanted to tie a red scarf round his neck. To this Amit said once said: "Oh, now why are you trying to make people think that I am a communist?" Well, it figures, now that he is starring in Indo-Soviet co-production.

What does Hema Malini do on the side? Well nothing very sensational, but runs a preview theatre called Kadambani in Madras. It is always heavily booked. And she can have a steady income when there are no films in hand. But why in Madras? Well, it can remain private. And then, one can always settle down in one's own home town, finally.

Dimple had demanded Rs. eight lakhs for the role in Shabana's knowing that the tall one would collect a cool crore. But Meenakshi beat her to it by bidding for four lakhs and snatching the role. However it did



Amitabh Bachchan: leaning towards the left?

not do her any good, except making her look thoroughly foolish.



Hema Malini: doing good business on the side.



Firoze Khan with mystery girlfriend Jyotika, who is practically half his age.



Shabana Azmi: keeping a low profile



Sonam: accepts bouquets but gives brickbats



Anupam Kher: the real villains are not like me at all. In films we take a lot of liberties, he says.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

EXERCISE CAUSES BENEFICIAL CHANGES IN THE BLOOD

QUESTION: I've heard that your blood changes when you exercise. Is that right?

ANSWER: Regular exercise does cause several changes in your blood, but these are helpful ones. As you know, regular exercise reduces the risk of a heart attack by lowering blood pressure, lowering body fat and blood cholesterol levels and making the heart more efficient. The changes that occur to the blood also may have a role in helping protect the heart.

The major exercise-related changes in blood are a decrease in hemoglobin concentration, a decrease in platelet activity and an increase in fibrinolysis. These changes appear to reduce the risk of thrombosis, the formation of a clogging blood clot within a blood vessel. A heart attack is a blood clot within one of the arteries supplying the heart, so any reduction in the risk of thrombosis lessens the risk of heart attack.

While a decrease in the concentration of hemoglobin in athletes sounds like bad news, it is not due to a shortage of red blood cells, but to an increase in the amount, or volume, of blood plasma, the liquid portion

of blood. This increase in plasma volume is a good sign of aerobic fitness. Increased plasma volume makes blood less viscous, which may decrease the risk of thrombosis. Any reduction in oxygen-carrying capacity is offset by increased heart efficiency and sweating during exercise. The drop in hemoglobin concentration sometimes is called "athletes' anemia" or "pseudoanemia," but these are misnomers.

Regular exercise also appears to decrease the aggregation of platelets, the cells within blood that form clots. Platelet aggregation is the first step in the formation of a blood clot. Apparently, platelet aggregability decreased during rest to offset the slight increase in aggregability that occurs during strenuous exercise. This effect also may decrease the risk of thrombosis and may reduce the risk of heart attack.

The third way that exercise changes the blood is by activating fibrinolysis, the body's way of getting rid of old blood clots. This increase in fibrinolysis is greatest in those who exercise most, and so people who

are the most physically fit appear to dissolve clots faster than those who are less fit.

The key to all this is regular exercise, especially aerobic exercise such as running, cycling, brisk walking or aerobic dancing. The word "regular" cannot be stressed enough. To get the benefits of exercise, you must do it for at least a half an hour and at least three times a week.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: Its cause is probably not infectious, although the symptoms often mimic that of a bladder infection, and although theories about its origin include autoimmune disease, collagen disease or allergic mastocytosis, no one clearly understands the etiology of interstitial cystitis. Yet the symptoms of frequent, painful urination and hematuria (blood in the urine) can be disabling to the sufferers of this disease, often making work, marriage, pregnancy or even travel to a supermarket impossible. No single therapy has been found that is always effective.

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By Smith



HUMOUR

Howzat? The ins and outs of cricket

WHEN the youngest of three cricketing brothers from Australia, Trevor Chappell, bowled the final ball of a limited over Test Match 'under arm' on instructions from his elder brother and skipper Greg, to Kiwi tailender Brian McKechnie at the Melbourne Cricket Ground the future of cricket playing world matched something similar over 50 years ago in Australia, when the then British Empire, roused by the now historic 'body line' controversy, was clearly not asunder.

Of the first incident newspaper reported, "Good sportsmanship was an honoured Australian trait... but all that has, to use cricketing terms, been hit for six."

In the 1932-33 'body line' series, the Australian Test captain, W.M. Woodfull, one of those injured by Harold Larwood, angrily stormed into the English dressing room and said to team manager 'Plum' Warner, "There are two teams out there, and one of them's not playing cricket."

What is this game that was invented by group of shepherds in an English field several centuries ago? Is still going strong, even enriching the English language with expressions such as, "It's not cricket."

It's quite simple really. You have two sides — one out in the field and one in. Each man in the side that is in goes out, and when he's out he comes in, and the next man goes in until he is out. Then, when they have all been in and are all out, the side that has been in goes out and the side that has been out goes in. Sometimes there are men still in and not out. Then, when both sides have been in and out, including not outs — and this happens twice over — that's the end of the game. It's that simple, although sometimes it has some people stumped!

The game of cricket, the earliest reference to which, according to Wisden — the cricketer's Bible — is recorded in the year 1300, when country boys bowled at and defended a tree stump, or the hurdle gate (wicket) into a sheepfold.

Yes, the all important thing about the game are the 'stumps' which are also called 'wickets'. Without them, there can be no cricket. When the two men in the middle, who wear white frock coats, and are called umpires, go out, they ceremoniously crown the stumps with a 'pair of balls' which have to go down before a batsman can be out.

There are many occasions when a batsman may be down, but not out, as for instance, when he throws himself down with his bat within the crease, and is given 'not out' by the umpire.

Love

Trevor Bailey, the famous English Test all-rounder, who is a BBC commentator, once, before the start of play on the opening day at Lord's said, "The umpires are going into the field and they are wearing brand new coats that make them look like doctors." And John Arlott, the well known BBC commentator, quickly replied, "And they might well be, Trevor. After all, one of their duties at the end of the day's play, is to draw stumps!"

The same John Arlott, whose



great love and knowledge of the game is legendary, once said, "Described with brilliant simplicity as 'casting a ball at three straight sticks and defending the same with a fourth,' yet cricket is arguably — indeed beyond reasonable question — the most profound of all ball games."

The bowled ball will not only swing and — there is a distinct technical difference — swerve, like a baseball, but, after landing on the pitch, it can 'break' — change direction under spin, or 'seam' — go off at an angle by bouncing on the seam.

Bowling is graded from slow, through slow-medium, medium and fast-medium to fast; left arm or right; round or over the wicket. The technical ramifications of batting — forward or back play, and range of strokes so vast as to defeat complete definition may be employed as a counter.

The fieldsmen may be set in a profusion of different posi-

tions; and the batsman may be out in ten different ways...

And indeed, the terminology of the game is so vast that it defies repetition. Think about 'howling a maiden over' or being 'called' for being a 'chucker'. One classic instance of the latter was the Australian fast bowler Ian Meckiff. A batsman could succumb to a ball that goes 'straight through' and either 'disturbs his stumps' or has him 'leg before'. The bowler could bowl a 'googly' — described as an 'off-break, delivered with a legbreak action' — and deceive the batsman with a delivery that 'goes the other way'.

Aerodynamics Recently, scientists have unravelled what could be called the 'aerodynamics of the cricket ball'. It reveals that the 'thickness of the seam plays a critical role in determining the ball's trajectory'.

In a damp and humid atmosphere, the ball 'swings' more

because the cotton threads in the seam absorb water, increasing the seam thickness.

A batsman may be bowled by a 'yorker' — a ball that goes under the bat before bouncing — or he may be caught out off a 'smack' or a 'tickle' — that's no laughing matter for him. If he scores a pair of 'ducks' in the same match, he is said to have 'bagged a pair' and if he has the misfortune of being so dismissed in each innings, he goes in the records as having got a 'king-size pair'.

He could be 'run out', 'leg before wicket', 'out handling the ball' and even 'obstructing the field', but there have been few recorded instances of the two latter.

Sophisticated fielding positions in the game range from 'silly leg' and 'silly point' to 'gully' and 'long leg' but to the dyed-in-the-wool cricket aficionado, these are very much part of his vocabulary. So he would understand if a 'oo ball' went past a leg fielder for four 'leg byes'!

Cricket today counts players and enthusiasts from every Continent, but the unofficial world champions are the West Indies, whose approach to the game, which has been called 'Calypso', has only been tarnished by the 'slow overs' rate of their battery of fast bowlers, at times only 10 six-ball overs per hour, and one which has been admonished by the 'Establishment'.

To quote John Arlott once again, "The game, in its 'instant' form, can see top class performers produce a result in four hours. At the international level, the same men can play a completely indecisive 'draw' in five days."

When the game is talked about, the name of Dr. W.G. Grace is always mentioned with reverence. It was in May, 1878 that he led an England team against an Australian side at Lord's and lost to them by nine wickets. Dr Grace made 4 and 0 and Spofforth and Boyle had analysis of 6 for 4 and 6 for 3 in the first and second innings. And the national calamity was recorded for posterity by punch with this quatrain:

The Australians came down like a wolf on the fold,
And the Morylebone crocks for trifles were sold,
Our Grace after dinner was very soon done,
And Grace after dinner did not get a run.

But when's all said and done, the game's the thing. And it goes something like this:

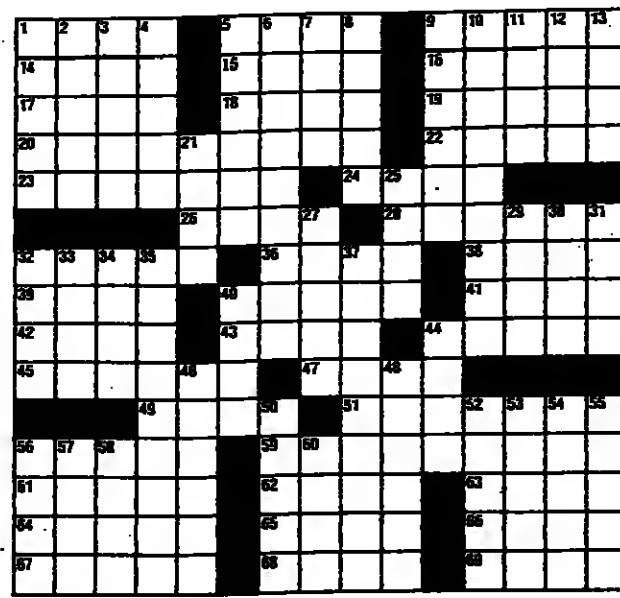
The very noble game of cricket
Begins and ends with a wicket
You hit and run, the hits or runs
But then one bowls a maiden over.

When sides keep going in and out
That's what the game's all about.
A soaring hit that goes for six
Might be followed by hat tricks.
The umpires call the close of play
They all agree it's been quite a day.

The teams go in, it's been quite a game
But for some it won't be quite the same.
These 'muddled oafs and flannelled fools'
Out in the middle use strange tools.

A bat, a ball, gloves and stumps
And then one team comes out trumps.
There's nothing 'underhand' about cricket!

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 - 40 News article
 - 41 Colleen
 - 42 Jim Ryn's run
 - 43 "Sum, —, fui..."
 - 44 Cruise ship pastime
 - 45 Claim
 - 47 Certain case
 - 49 Big Top's top
 - 51 Friendly
 - 56 Buddies
 - 59 — Fairy: "The"
- DOWN**
- 1 Moon's aspect
 - 2 Happen again
 - 3 Pedro's pal
 - 4 Legendary goldmaker
 - 5 Table
 - 6 Rapids riders
 - 7 Alan of M-A-S-H
 - 8 Gable and hip
 - 9 River boat wheel
 - 10 Soft-soap
 - 11 Elf's place
 - 12 Stuff
 - 13 Attention getters
 - 21 Frosty coating
 - 25 Bohemian
 - 27 Birds do it
 - 29 Dies —
 - 30 Opera's Stevens
 - 31 Bridge position
 - 32 Family member
- Nutcracker**
- 33 Indigo
 - 34 Word with hard or soft
 - 35 Candied fruit; e.g.
 - 37 Player able to bargain
 - 40 Fortune-teller
 - 44 Cooking direction
 - 46 Talks hot air
 - 48 Stings
 - 50 Hymn
 - 52 Fencing play
 - 53 Swagger
 - 54 Fencer's thrust
 - 55 Moslem prince
 - 56 Quahog
 - 57 Nathan, the patriot
 - 58 Egg on
 - 60 Eye feature

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

EVERYONE'S BEST FRIEND

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
 ♠ 10
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ A Q J 10 8 5 4
 ♣ 10 7 6

WEST
 ♠ A 3
 ♥ K Q 10 9 7
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ Q J 9 5

EAST
 ♠ 9 8 6
 ♥ A J 8 5 4
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ 8 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J 7 5 4 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 2
 ♣ A K 4 2

The bidding:

West North East South
 1 ♥ 3 ♦ 3 ♥ 4 ♠
 5 ♥ Pass Pass 5 ♠
 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

One way to neutralize a long suit is to remove the entries to it. But what if there are no entries in the outside suits? This hand is an object lesson.

Let's suppose that North-South reach five spades on an auction such as the one shown. South should have taken a sure profit by doubling five hearts, but then there would have been no tale to tell.

Let's see what would happen with routine defense. Suppose that West leads the king of hearts and continues the suit for declarer to ruff. He leads a low spade and West ducks.

Now the contract can no longer be defeated!

Declarer returns to hand with a

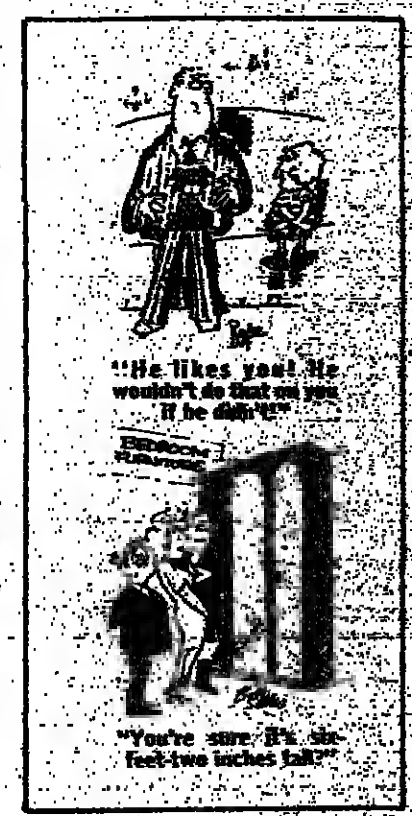
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SPADE OSLD KONG
 AERIE LIAR ERIE
 SPILLEOTREBEANS
 SEAL VEER ALLOT
 BORDEN PEND CREESE
 AMAIN DETISM MOD
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 TRE TINGE YDREN
 CAPORE STIR
 ADULT EARN NAVY
 TELLITLIKETITIS
 ELISE DAVID ANISE
 REED OLES TAPEIR

club and forces out the ace of trumps. Thanks to the doubleton king of diamonds inside and the fact that West is now out of trumps, declarer has no difficulty collecting the rest of the tricks.

When Dr. George Rosenkranz of Mexico City held the West hand, the play to the first two tricks went as above. On declarer's lead of a low spade, however, Rosenkranz flew up with the ace and shifted to a low diamond!

Declarer had no way to counter this lethal defense. Since he did not have a second diamond, his line of communication with dummy was shattered. He finessed the ten and cashed the ace of diamonds for a club discard, felling the king in the process, but it did him no good. If he continued with a high diamond, West would ruff for the setting trick. If he did anything else, he would, in the fullness of time, have to surrender a club trick for down one.



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will have to take care to curb your impulsiveness. You will have some good luck but not enough to solve all your problems. You should show a little more goodwill. Be cordial.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will have a good opportunity but must act quickly or you will lose it. Something will happen to raise your morale. You should avoid becoming involved in something that is no concern of yours. Be amenable.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You will be able to make the appropriate decision. You should ensure that you do not quarrel with your superiors even if you do not entirely agree with them. Do not altogether neglect your personal life. Be firm but not obstinate.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</p> <p>You will have to deal with a difficult situation but you will know how to do so. You should participate in what is going on around you. Do not think quite so negatively. Be prudent.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>Today you must not do anything that is not strictly practical. You should not place too much reliance on your 'instincts' and intuitions. Also you must make sure you can afford what you are about to spend. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>You should avoid accumulating too much paper dealing with things you would like to but know you have no time for. Your mood will not be good but you should try to avoid allowing things to get on your nerves.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You should not be too easily persuaded to change your mind but nor should you be obstinate. You will be able to do something a little out of the ordinary but you must not throw caution to the winds. Take good care of your health. Be less critical.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>There is no point in dwelling too much on what might have been. You will be rather too easily irritated and should try to restrain yourself. Avoid blaming others for what is substantially your own fault. Be more tolerant.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You will need to be a little more patient. Think more of others less of and about yourself. You should not forget a promise you have made. Be provident.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>You will be able to do something you have been prevented from doing lately. Something you have had your eye on will prove to be more expensive than you had imagined. You should avoid being jealous. Be provident.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You will find it easier to make yourself master of the situation. Make sure you allow for traffic delays when you set out for an appointment. You should not prevaricate and nor should you sit on the fence. Be a little more patient.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will be able to make a few changes, but should consider them carefully first. You had better live and let live than try to force your own will on others. You should avoid all kinds of exaggeration. Be sincere.</p>

The Art Buchwald Column

Small talk



embarrass him with a lot of personal questions. "Bush could have chosen anyone he wanted for his running mate. The fact he picked Quayle without checking him out means Bush is his own man." "Quayle may not make the greatest VP, but at least he'll look great at a state funeral." "I'm glad the brouhaha on Quayle broke because it brings the entire presidential race down to the bottom level where it belongs." "The reason I would trust Dan Quayle to put his finger on the button in the Oval Office is that he is probably one of the best golfers in Washington." 1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

ALL you hear lately at parties is talk about Dan Quayle. Everyone seems to have an opinion and I've taken note of some of them. "I don't care if you went to the Mekong Delta, the Indiana National Guard or Canada during the Vietnam War — as long as you went somewhere."

"I think Quayle is lucky to have a dad who would use influence to get him into the service of his choice. Most fathers would let their sons do it on their own."

"The National Guard plays an important role in wartime, especially if you have an ugly strike in Indiana."

"The press is making a big deal of Quayle's lousy record in college. But everyone knows that you don't need a Ph.D. to be Vice-President of the United States."

"If Clint Eastwood had spent six years in the National Guard in Indiana, he never would have had to look for movie material again."

"Quayle may not have had a great senatorial record, but don't forget he is awfully young to vote."

"Sure, Quayle had lousy grades when he was

admitted to law school. But there is nothing wrong with that. He's running for Vice-President — not for country judge."

"Bush knew he had the right running mate when he asked Dan Quayle if he had ever burned an American flag, and Quayle said he hadn't."

"Another plus of having Quayle a heartbeat away from the Presidency is that if he ever has trouble with Iran he can call up his father and mother and ask them to fix it."

"Dan Quayle is getting a bad rap on his military service. If he knew someday that he was going to be the vice-presidential candidate he would have paid his own way to Vietnam to participate in the Tet Offensive."

"Dan is strong on Star Wars and weak on veterans' benefits, but that doesn't mean he fooled

around with Paula Parkinson."

"The question of influence should not be a political issue. You don't put down people just because they have a bigger Rolodex than you do."

"The trouble with George Bush is that he is taking all the attention of the campaign away from Danny. It's the vice-presidential campaign that deserves the people's attention."

"They say we should drop the stuff about Dan's background and deal with important things such as the economy and the Communist threat in Central America. But they always say that when the campaign isn't going well."

"I don't know what it takes to qualify for Vice-President of the United States, but I believe once you nominate that person no one has the right to

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABEY LIFE	302/0
ADT LTD	128/0
ALD LYONS	400.0
ANSTRAD	202.0
ARGYLL GP	167/0
ASDA GP	146.5
BAA	254/0
BTR	272/0
BAT INDS	440.0
BARCLAYS	397/0
BASS	745/4
BEAZER	172.0
BEECHAM	454/0
BERISFORD	375/0
BICC PLC	335/0
BLUE ARMY	91.0
BLUE CIRC	424/0
BOC GP	400.0
BOOTS CO	211/0
BPE INDS	259.0
BR CORP	222/0
BR AIRWAY	149/0
BR AEROSP	145/0
BR GAS RG	169/0
BR GAS RT	165/0
BR LAND	318/0
B.P.	241.0
B.P.PP	142/0
BR TELCOM	233.0
BURMAN OL	509/0
BURTON	197/0
CABLEWIR	366/0
CADBURYS	346.0
COATS VTY	200.0
COMINT	324/0
CONS GOLD	052/0
COWSONS	246/0
COURTALL	303/4
DALGETY	314.0
DEE CP	163.0
DIXONS	154/0
ENG CHINA	452/0
ENTER OIL	640/0
FXI BACCK	121.0
FERRANTI	84/0
GEN ACCIO	874/0
GEN ELEC	156.0
GLAXO	027/0
GRANADA	296/0
GLOBE	139.5
GLYMEED	280/0
GRAND NTL	78.0
GUARD RYL	176/0
GUN	312.0
GUINNESS	317/0
HANSON	620.0
HARRISON C	144.5
HICKER SIO	503/0
HILLSDOWN	261.0
ICI	026/0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	737/0	736/0
600 GROUP	105/0	105/0
A.AMER TS	352/0	353/0
A.B.ELECT	415/0	416/0
A.S.W.HLD	177/0	178/0
AAB KENT	72/0	72/0
AAH HLD	259/0	259/0
AARONSON	112/0	111/0
ADHES	33/0	33/0
ADHES	307/0	308/0
ALEX MKW	361/0	361/0
ALEXON	124/0	125/0
ALD COLL	245/0	246/0
ALD IR B	116/0	116/0
ALLIANCE	52/0	53/0
ALL PLANT	819/0	822/0
AMC	356/0	356/0
AMER TST	125/0	125/0
AMERSHAM	252/0	254/0
AM HLTCH	565/0	565/0
ANGLIA TV	173/0	174/0
ANGLO O'S	204/0	205/0
ANSBACHER	82/0	83/0
APPLEYARD	451/0	452/0
APV PLC	111/0	112/0
ASHLEY LA	106/0	105/0
ATLANTIC CH	495/0	495/0
ATMOS	262/0	262/0
AUS REE A	270/0	269/0
AUTO SECS	237.5	237.5
AVIS EUR	330/0	330/0
AVON RUBB	711/0	710/0
B.M.JEWELL	174/0	175/0
BAILL JAG	464/0	463/0
BAILL SHI	79/0	79/0
BALFOUR	243/0	243/0
BANK IRE	226/0	227/0
BANKER IT	71/4	73/0
BARKER DO	136/4	136/0
BART DREV	165/0	165/0
BAYNES C	29/0	30/0
BBA GROUP	154/0	155/0
BEAR B.VT	4/0	4/0
BEAR BRAND	9/4	9/4
BEATTIE J	137/0	138/0
BEJAN GP	151/0	151/0
BELHAVEN	51/0	51/0
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BERKELEY	281/0	282/0
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FT 300 ORD	1416.5	1409.8	1401.7	1403.2
FT 500 SHR	993.9	993.9	983.4	1052.0
FT ALL SHR	910.61	910.61	914.40	963.01
FT GOV SEC	86.90	86.79	86.67	87.92
FT GOLD NCL	176.6	175.9	176.6	207.2
FT NIMES F	521.11	521.11	519.51	517.46
FT OIL	1733.2	1733.2	1693.1	1834.0
FT MLD DLR	124.74	124.12	123.79	126.05
FT MLD STG	108.98	108.50	108.15	109.51
FT MLD LOC	114.49	113.96	113.72	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS FIRM WITH WALL STREET
LONDON, SEPT 14, REUTER - EQUITY PRICES WERE STEADY JUST BELOW THE DAY'S HIGHS, AS A STRONG START FROM WALL STREET COMBINED WITH GROWING SPECULATIVE INTEREST.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET WAS HARDLY CHANGED BEFORE WALL STREET OPENED DESPITE THE RESURGENCE IN 810 SPECULATION. A MUCH LOWER THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE DEFICIT SPURRED THE RALLY.

AT 1553 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 9.5 POINTS HIGHER AT 1,765.8, AFTER BRIEFLY HITTING 1770.0.

THE U.S. JULY TRADE DEFICIT FELL TO A SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 9.53 BILLION DOLLARS, THE LOWEST SINCE DECEMBER 1984, FROM AN UPWARD REVISED 13.22 BILLION IN JUNE. THIS FURTHER EASED CONCERNS THAT THE U.S. ECONOMY WAS OVERHEATING AND INTEREST RATES WOULD HAVE TO RISE THEREAFTER.

ENTERPRISE OIL SHARES WERE UP 75P TO 636 ON NEWS LASMO IS TO AUCTION ITS 25 PCT STAKE IN ENTERPRISE, WHICH IT VALUED THIS MORNING AT 450 MLN STG.

LASMO ITSELF CONTINUED TO RISE FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S OWN RATIO ATTEMPT BY BRITISH GAS. THE RATIO, AIMED AT PICKING UP 15 PCT OF LASMO, ENDED WITH BRITISH GAS HOLDING 1.14 PCT OF LASMO.

LONDON, SEPT 14, REUTER - GOLD CLOSED 1.50 OUNCE HIGHER AT 421.50/422.00 OUNCE AN OUNCE, AIDED BY A RALLY IN OIL PRICES FOLLOWING NEWS THAT THE OPEC PRICING COMMITTEE IS DUE TO MEET LATER THIS MONTH, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD HAD DIPPED BACK TO UNCHANGED AT ONE STAGE IN REACTION TO A FIRMER DOLLAR OR NEWS OF A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE DEFICIT, BUT THE INFLATIONARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVEALED STRENGTH OF OIL PROMPTED SHORTS TO TAKE COVER, DEALERS ADDED.

GOLD WAS SET AT 421.90 AND 421.50 OUNCE AT THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON FIXING SESSIONS. IT CLOSED ON TUESDAY AT 420.00/420.50.

London Money Market

LONDON, SEPT 14, REUTER - MONEY RATES WERE LITTLE CHANGED IN LATE TRADING AFTER A LOWER THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE DEFICIT FOR JULY OF 9.53 BILLION DOLLARS.

THE U.S. TRADE GAP COMPARED WITH JUNE'S REVISED FIGURE OF 13.22 BILLION AND MARKET EXPECTATIONS OF JUST OVER 11 BILLION. THE DATA SUGGESTED THAT U.S. ECONOMIC GROWTH IS SLOWING AND THAT FURTHER U.S. INTEREST RATE RISES MAY BE LESS LIKELY.

STERLING RALLIED AGAINST THE MARK BUT WAS SHARPLY LOWER AGAINST THE DOLLAR AND CLOSED 0.2 LOWER IN TRADE WEIGHTED TERMS AT 75.4. THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK WAS QUOTED STEADY AT 12-1/8 12 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

OLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPEN
SLR 1.6910/20	1.6805/15	1.8725/35	6.3770/20	NOON
DMK 1.8503/8583	3.127/142	10.6635/6770	29.285/445	FIX
FFR 6.3180/3300	10.6710/6890	34.14/78	1300	FIX
SFR 1.5608/5618	2.6388/6421	84.16/26	24.75/78	FIX
HFL 2.0955	3.5400	112.83	33.145	FIX
ECU 1.11602	0.69979	2.07190	7.05327	CLOSE
SDR 1.30329	0.766653	2.40447	8.18422	CLOSE
YEN 133.37/47	225.41/74	14/09/1988	OTHERS	NOON

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Wall Street Statistics Composite

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KROGER 50 3/4	2	3	3
IBM 114 1/4	35 3/8	11	11
MONSANTO 75 1/2	12 1/2	12	12
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PHILIP MOR 97	34	34	34
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TV SERVICE 22	22	22	22
GOLD INC 22 5/8	22	22	22
BAXTER INT 21 1/2	22	22	22

Wall Street Market Report

New York, Sept 14, (Reuters) - Wall Street stocks were higher but breadth of the rally was faltering on sharply rising oil prices, analysts said. Stocks rose on a lower than expected U.S. trade deficit report.

Deiwa senior trader Paul Cantor said, "Foreign action was smaller than expected. There was some selling on strength. The Dow bounced back from 2100 resistance. The Dow was up six at 2089 after rising to a shade under 2100. Gainers led declines there to two."

Information Provided by Reuters Financial Services

Dow Jones Plus Indices

IND	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,088.02	+ 4.98	2,099.75	2,083.39
TRANS	871.71	+ 0.14	877.69	871.42
UTILS	178.99	+ 0.23	179.65	178.76
STOCKS	779.59	+ 1.24	783.68	778.46

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BUSINESS

Stocks marked higher

Dollar bounds on US trade figures

LONDON, Sept 14, (Reuters): The dollar shot up today on news of improved US trade figures for July and only fears of intervention by central banks cooled the rally, dealers said.

Also moving the financial markets was word from the Vienna headquarters of OPEC that key organisation ministers would meet on Sept 25 to consider action that might mop up the present oil glut. Spot crude prices jumped.

The main market factor was Washington's announcement that the seasonally adjusted US trade deficit fell to \$9.53 billion in July from a revised \$13.22 billion in June. Most forecasts were for a trade gap above \$11 billion.

"It reinforces a trend that has been going on this year... the trend looks good," US Commerce Secretary William Verity said in Jakarta where he was pursuing an Asian tour.

The markets agreed and stocks were firmer while the dollar advanced strongly. Gold was steady.

The dollar touched quoted highs at 1.890 West German marks, nearly four pfennigs above the day's lowest value, as investors scrambled for dollar assets.

But it eased later on fears that central banks might intervene and renew their heavy dollar

sales of the kind used to check an earlier rally by America's currency this summer.

For many nations other than the United States, a rising dollar spells higher import bills which would fuel inflation.

Action
Confirming the fear of central bank action, the US Federal Reserve Board contacted dealers to "inquire about market conditions" — a warning shot across speculators' bows.

And the dollar closed in Europe below its best at 1.8775 marks, although this was still a strong gain on Tuesday's London close of 1.8485 and its best since Aug 24. The dollar ended at 134.45 yen after 133.25 yesterday.

On stock markets, the news that America seemed to be making further progress in cutting its trade deficits was somewhat offset by new worries about inflation which it seemed about to do something about weak oil prices.

Typical North Sea Brent blend crude oil traded during the day as high as \$14.45 a barrel, up from around \$13 on Monday, after OPEC said its five-nation pricing committee would hold emergency talks about the oil glut in 11 days' time.

Traders judge that it might act to stop overproduction by several organisation members

which has flooded market and depressed prices from OPEC's benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

A rally in US bonds faltered and this had a ripple effect on Wall Street stocks. At New York's midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up just 3.2 points at 2,086.24 after earlier rising almost to 2,100.

The performance of gold, investors' favoured hedge against inflation, showed how market sentiment was tugged one way by the oil news and another by the US trade figures.

These, in particular, showed that US imports fell 8.9 per cent to \$35.99 billion in July, as adjusted for the cost of insurance and freight. That suggested a consumer boom might be easing, diminishing the risk of inflation in America.

But gold was set for the afternoon in London's hullion exchange at \$421.50 an ounce, only slightly down from the morning. Dealers said the rebound in oil prices led players who were short of gold to cover their positions.

Gold dipped \$10 on Monday to 17-month lows when oil prices were very weak.

In London equity prices were steady just below the day's highs, as a strong start from Wall Street combined with growing speculative interest.

Dealers said the market was

hardly changed before Wall Street opened despite the resurgence in bid speculation. A much lower than expected US trade deficit spurred the rally.

AT 1553 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 9.5 points higher at 1,765.8, after briefly hitting 1,770.0.

The US July trade deficit fell to a seasonally adjusted \$9.53 billion, the lowest since December 1984, from an upward revised 13.22 billion in June. This further eased concerns that the US economy was overheating and interest rates would have to rise there again.

Enterprise Oil shares were up 7 1/2 p to 636 on news Lasso is to auction its 25 per cent stake in Enterprise, which it valued this morning at \$450 million.

Lasso itself continued to rise following yesterday's dawn raid attempt by British Gas. The raid, aimed at picking up 15 per cent of Lasso, ended with British Gas holding 1.14 per cent of Lasso.

Lasso shares were up 15 p to 559 on turnover of 8.5 million even though the company reported a 40 per cent decline in half year pre-tax profits to £12.3 million. British Gas was down 2 p to 169. Enterprise has risen 20 p to Lasso 169 since Monday's closing.

ICI, 11 p higher at 1,029, also owns a 25 per cent stake in Enterprise. When it acquired the stake

two years ago, ICI said that until January 1991 it would not sell it unless the buyer was in a position to take full control of Enterprise.

Analysts see Lasso's decision as a defensive move aimed at diverting British Gas' predatory attentions to Enterprise. Many, though, still think a full bid for Lasso could come soon.

RTZ, 3 p higher at 432, holds a near 30 per cent stake in Lasso but needs Lasso's approval to sell it.

Still, dealers today were speculating that RTZ would use the proceeds from such a sale to fund a possible takeover of English China Clays, a long-rumoured bid target. The talk was enough to push ECC up 16 p to 453.

Higher
Ranks Hovis McDougall was 27 p higher at 386 after a market rumour that Grand Metropolitan was seeking to buy Goodman Fielder Wattie's near 30 per cent stake. Analysts were sceptical over the rumour given that Grand Met is already embroiled in a bitter bid battle for Irish Distillers.

However, analysts noted that the proceeds from the planned sale of its inter-continental hotel chain, expected to be about £1.5 billion, would be enough to enable the company to cover the bid for Irish Distillers and make an offer for RHM.

Japan eases curbs on high-technology exports to China

TOKYO, Sept 14, (KUNA): Japan is easing curbs on high-technology exports to China, leading observers to believe that the latest decision and a recently signed bilateral agreement on investment guarantees will boost Japanese exports to China.

An official Japanese spokesman said eight items, including advanced computers and telecommunications gear have been dropped from the blacklist as of Thursday. The decision comes after a recent recommendation by Western industrial powers to ease restrictions on exports of advanced technologies to China.

Officials here expect more items to be dropped from the list of banned export commodities to China when a liaison committee of Western nations meets on Sept 26.

Observers believe that Japanese exports to the neighbouring Communist giant will double as a result of liberalisation of commerce, particularly the signing last month of an accord for the protection of investment in both countries.

Debt bonus still causing 'devastating damage in the Third World'

Loan losses worry IMF

WASHINGTON, Sept 14, (Reuters): The International Monetary Fund, increasingly worried about a growing number of countries that are late with their loan payments, has been setting aside money in a contingency fund to make up for the cut in receipts, the agency disclosed today.

The fund, in place for the past two years but never unveiled publicly, was discussed in the IMF's annual report and in a briefing for reporters.

The complicated arrangement can be likened to a bank's setting aside reserves to make up for bad loans. It was established as it became increasingly apparent that a number of debt-laden nations had decided to let their payments lapse.

Loans
Monetary sources said the arrangement suggests further that the IMF, which makes loans to countries hit by balance of payments problems, is increasingly worried about countries being unable to unwillingly to make their loan payments.

The funds are being accumulated by charging countries slightly more for loans and by paying wealthier countries slightly less for the use of their funds.

Growth
At the same time, the report said there had been some progress on the global economic front with continued expansion in world output and trade but that profound problems remained.

It said that economic growth in the industrial countries

accelerated in 1987 and has even been stronger in 1988.

At the same time, the report said that inflation, which has been falling for a number of years, continued to remain at a fairly low level so far this year.

"Nevertheless, despite these positive aspects of the world economic situation, there is no room for complacency," the report said.

Officials briefing reporters said the IMF was particularly upset that the healthy expansion in the industrial countries had not yet shown up in the Third World to any great extent.

Better
"We still have a relatively weak economic performance in the heavily indebted middle-income countries as well as in the large number of relative small, low-income countries," an official said.

He said that in a number of respects the global economy was getting better but "in other very important respects it is disappointing."

The report was issued ahead of the annual meeting of the fund and World Bank in West Berlin from September 22 to 29.

Crisis
The report noted that eight countries had been declared ineligible for new assistance by the fund because they have been in arrears on their loan payments for well over a year.

They are Peru, Sudan, Liberia, Guyana, Vietnam, Zambia, Sierra Leone, and Somalia.

In addition, three other countries — Honduras, Panama and Haiti — are at least six months in

arrears and others are being closely watched, according to diplomatic sources.

For IMF officials, this is an unprecedented situation and is symptomatic of the intractable nature of the debt crisis.

"While there has been some improvement since it hit in 1982, the debt bomb is still causing devastating damage in the Third World," an official said.

The report said the total dollar value of developing country debt rose by 10.4 per cent in 1987 to \$1.22 trillion, mainly because of a drop in the value of the dollar.

This increase, despite belt-tightening and other economic measures, seemed to make it even more unlikely that countries would be able to grow their way out of their debt problems any time soon.

Lending
At the same time, new lending by commercial banks has fallen sharply, and the IMF itself is taking more money out of the debtor countries in loan repayments than it is putting in through new credits.

IMF officials said the report also seemed to "rule out" an agreement soon on a new allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDR), the IMF's own currency that countries can use as reserves to pay their bills.

Cash-starved developing countries have been pressing for a vast increase in the volume of SDRs but some industrial countries, including the United States, have expressed concern that this would add to global economic liquidity and inflationary pressures.

Imports drop sharply

US trade deficit plunges to 4-year low

WASHINGTON, Sept 14, (AP): The US merchandise trade deficit shrank to \$9.5 billion in July, the lowest monthly imbalance since December 1984, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said the dramatic 28 per cent improvement in the trade deficit reflected a small increase in exports and a big decline in imports.

The latest trade deficit was certain to cheer Republican presidential candidate George Bush, who has been trying to deflect charges from Democrat Michael Dukakis that the country's soaring trade deficits demonstrate a major flaw in President Ronald Reagan's economic programme.

Boost
The July deficit was substantially better than economists had expected. The government did, however, boost the June deficit to \$13.2 billion from the originally reported \$12.5 billion.

The June deficit was the highest trade shortfall since a \$14.4 billion deficit in February, a figure that had sent the Dow Jones industrial average tum-

bling by 100 points.

The July deficit was likely to have an opposite effect. Indeed, even before the number was reported, optimistic remarks by Treasury Secretary-designate Nicholas Brady set off a last-minute Wall Street buying spree on Tuesday. He said he expected the trade deficit will decline at a "surprisingly fast" pace over the next few months, a remark investors interpreted as a hint that today's report would be encouraging.

Down

For the first seven months of this year, the US trade deficit has been running at an annual average of \$13.7 billion, down 19.3 per cent from the record \$170.3 billion deficit suffered in 1987.

The significant narrowing in the trade deficit this year has been a major factor behind the economy's better-than-expected economic performance. Analysts said more than half of all economic growth this year is coming from the narrowing trade gap.

US exports are booming as the weaker dollar has made

American goods competitive once again on world markets, a factor that has helped push factory operating rates to the highest level in eight years.

The \$9.5-billion July imbalance between exports and imports was only the second single-digit deficit in the last three years and was the lowest since an \$8.03-billion deficit in December 1984. The deficit had declined to \$9.76 billion in May.

Drop

The July improvement reflected a big 8.9 per cent drop in imports, which declined to \$35.99 billion from a record June figure of \$39.50 billion.

Exports were up by a smaller 0.7 per cent to \$26.5 billion keeping them near the record levels they have been at for the last several months.

The big drop in imports came primarily in high-ticket capital goods, which dropped by \$1.2 billion to \$8 billion. This category had risen sharply the previous month as US companies had looked abroad for the equipment needed to expand their own production facilities. Also dropping sharply in July

were car imports, which fell by \$803 million, with almost all of that decline coming from a drop in shipments of cars from Canada.

On the export side, the improvement reflected increases in a variety of products, led by a \$600-million rise in sales of capital goods.

Biggest

As usual, the country suffered its biggest deficit with Japan, a \$4.4-billion imbalance, which was unchanged from June. The deficit with Western Europe rose to \$2.3 billion from \$1.9 billion in June. The deficits with Taiwan and Canada were unchanged at \$1.2 billion and \$1.1 billion respectively.

With the release of today's report, the government resumed a practice abandoned in 1979 of simultaneously reporting the import figures with the cost of shipping and insurance removed.

Using this system, the deficit for July would have been an even lower \$8.07 billion, down from a June imbalance, minus shipping and insurance, of \$11.7 billion.

Urgent steps needed to arrest slide in oil prices

VIENNA, Sept 14, (OPECNA): Urgent steps have to be taken to arrest the downward slide in oil prices, OPEC said today.

In a statement marking the 28th anniversary of the founding of OPEC, the organisation noted that no one, whether within or outside OPEC, would wish to see a repetition of "the traumatic events of 1986."

The statement pointed out that OPEC is encouraging all member countries to strictly abide by their assigned production levels.

"However, the fact remains that the fundamental changes in the structure of the oil industry have been such that, whilst OPEC is still a power which cannot be ignored, the size of its production no longer makes it possible for the organisation to shoulder the heavy burden of defending oil price stability alone."

The statement urged all producers, OPEC and non-OPEC, developing and developed, to share the responsibility for market stability from which "everybody, producers and consumers alike, will ultimately benefit."

Achievements

Today marks the twenty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) — an organisation whose far-reaching achievements during its relatively short span of existence have surpassed the expectations of not only its adversaries, but also its founding fathers.

Despite OPEC's many positive achievements, however, the current decade has brought with it some very serious problems for the organisation, making it perhaps the most difficult period in its history. These difficulties, which centre around the ways and means of stabilising the volatile oil market at prices that are fair to both producers, within and outside OPEC, and consumers, are still very much present today.

Prices
As so often in the past, both depressing and heartening developments for the organisation have been witnessed in 1988. The year began inauspiciously, with the impact of an oil glut which had become apparent in the second half of 1987 being carried over into the new year. Excessive supplies of oil, as well as accelerated stock-building by consumers, combined to threaten the price stability which OPEC had managed to restore to

the market with its return to a fixed price regime at the beginning of 1987.

As a result, prices which had been climbing steadily towards — and on occasions even exceeding — the organisation's reference price of \$18 per barrel, began to fall and fall back.

Relations
The first half of 1988 then witnessed a significant new development with far-reaching implications for the international oil industry. This was the far-sighted action taken by a group of leading non-OPEC oil producers to meet with OPEC to discuss cooperating with the organisation in its, hitherto, almost single-handed efforts to stabilise the world oil market. This gesture represented the first concrete sign that OPEC's unremitting pleas to other producers for

cooperation were ultimately bearing fruit.

An historic meeting between OPEC and seven non-OPEC oil producing countries in April 1988 represented a milestone in OPEC/non-OPEC relations, and helped lay the foundation for future dialogue and cooperation between a large number of oil producers, in an atmosphere of mutual trust.

All the countries present at this gathering agreed on the importance of meeting, and that a stable oil market was the responsibility of all parties engaged in the industry, with the burden — consequently — to be shared by all.

It was also agreed that such an initial meeting should be followed by continued contact to review the agreements that were arrived at and to plan future avenues of cooperation.

Sharp drop in bank loans to farmers

KARACHI, Sept 14: Bank loans for the farmers have dropped sharply in the current fiscal year, which has badly affected the off-take of inputs by the small farmers, reports Dawn.

In the month of July this year, total bank loans for farmers came down to a mere Rs71 million as against Rs283 million given by the banks to agriculturists in the same month last year.

As a consequence, the farmers complain, there has been a sharp slump in the off-take of inputs like fertiliser, pesticides and quality seeds. They fear this could affect the overall output in both kharif and rabi.

These facts were brought forth at a meeting of the senior executives of the banks and representatives of the farmers held on Monday at the State Bank of Pakistan.

Drop

The meeting considered an eight-point agenda, including the reasons for sharp decline in disbursement of agricultural loans.

President of the Sind Chamber of Agriculture Syed Qamaruz-zaman Shah who attended the

meeting, attributed the sharp drop in farm loans to the abrupt policy of switching over to interest bearing loans from the mark-up system.

The interest bearing loans for the small farmers were reintroduced by the government from this fiscal year after the announcement of the budget.

The Federal Finance Minister Dr Mahbub-ul-Haq, has on a number of occasions expressed the view that small farmers loan scheme based on mark-up system was being misused by the big farmers.

Scheme

Syed Qamaruz-zaman said his main argument in the meeting with bank officials was that genuine small farmers should not be deprived of the government's concessional credit scheme just because it was being misused by some people.

Instead, he suggested the reintroduction of the original production loan scheme in which farmers of subsistence holdings were provided a package of inputs at a rate of Rs 1,000 per acre with a maximum limit of Rs 12,000.

Applications for these loans were processed through the relevant agencies which in case of sugarcane growers were the sugar mills, for paddy growers rice husking mills, and for cotton farmers the ginneries. These agencies adjusted the loan amount at the time of payment to the growers.

Farmers are now groaning under the thrust of a double edged sword, Syed Qamaruz-zaman Shah complained, referring to the problems created by the introduction of Supervised Credit Scheme last October which, he said, had restricted the availability of credit for farmers from only one bank branch of his area.

From the current fiscal year, the government withdrew the loans given on mark-up basis and reintroduced the interest bearing loans which made capital availability from small farmers expensive.

The SCA president hoped that farmers' problems would be attended to in the Federal Committee on Agriculture likely to meet sometime at the end of this month or early next month.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 14/9/88			
B No	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
1	Shireen	UASC	4843150
4	Tahuk	KSA	4843150
5	Croesus	GH&G	4747815
8	Tug Amsterdam	G. Star	4845501
13	Maersk Maryam	Bebbehani	2412085
19	Sheriff	ISA	2441860
FD	Dimitrios	KMMC	2419814
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
14/9	Mallow Everett	ISA	2441860
15/9	Pelagos	YAAS	4745533
14/9	Im Shuhaid	KSA	4843150
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2	Trade Fair	M.A. Bahar	2459891
3	Uco-XVII	S. Shabeen	2432692
11	Seadrive		
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16/9	Tokyo Bridge	United	2457958
17/9	Roro Andrea Merzario	Al Kamal	2425437
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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept 14, (Reuters): The share market closed sharply higher in fairly active trade, as local and overseas demand for blue chip industrials boosted the main index. The All-Ordinaries index closed 18.8 points up at 1,549.4.

TOKYO: Prices closed mixed after fluctuating in a narrow range throughout the day in active volume. The Nikkei index rose 11.51, or 0.04 per cent, to 27,805.67.

HONG KONG: Prices closed slightly higher in continued thin trading with investors sidelined ahead of US trade figures. The Hang Seng index ended 7.98 up at 2,481.57.

SINGAPORE: Shares closed higher across the board but off the day's highs due to some profit-taking in the afternoon. The Straits Times industrial index rose 4.61 points to 1,067.52.

BOMBAY: Shares firmed up further on continued speculative and institutional buying. The market remained bullish, unperturbed by four successive holidays ahead.

FRANKFURT: Shares closed higher in active trading, fuelled by heavy domestic buying and news the Faz index had finally broken through 500 points, a major resistance level.

PARIS: Prices ended the continuous session sharply up in very busy trading boosted by favourable US trade data and hectic stakebuilding in luxury goods group LVMH. The 50-share indicator posted a 2.01 per cent gain.

ZURICH: Prices closed firmer but early gains in blue chips were trimmed by profit-taking. Activity was moderate during most of the session. The Swiss index closed 5.8 points higher at 885.6.

"A blow to the garment industry would be also a blow to the free zone," a Western banker said.

Since it was set up in 1985 the zone, rated a success by businessmen using it, has attracted about 200 companies.

Development plan approved

ABU DHABI, Sept 14, (Reuters): The Abu Dhabi executive council yesterday approved a development plan to meet construction, economic and social needs for the next 20 years, officials said.

They gave no cost figures for the plan, to be implemented in co-operation with the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

Abu Dhabi, the largest oil producer in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with annual oil revenues exceeding \$5 billion, has spent about \$60 billion on development since 1970.

Dear Junior Readers,

You know, I really cannot understand why I have received so little from you in the way of pictures, poems and ideas. I honestly thought that with all that time on your hands during the summer holiday, you would be only too ready to do something creative. Seems I was wrong! On the other hand, it could have been that the summer heat and general feelings of laziness put you out of action. Perhaps now you are back in the swing of things at school, you will be 'inspired' and the cooler weather that is on its way will help to blow the cobwebs off those tired brains of yours! I certainly hope so! Remember what I said about making the Junior Times YOUR page.

By the way, the address of the newspaper is at the bottom of the back page — so you cannot use the excuse of not knowing where to send your work!

Auntie Jayne.

Happy birthday

Sunny will celebrate his 4th birthday on 18th September. Best wishes and lots of love, Sunny, from Daddy, Mummy and Granny.



Solution to Tuesday's geography quiz

1. (i) New Zealand. (ii) Wellington.
2. (i) United States of America. (ii) Washington D.C.
3. An amphitheatre in Rome.
4. The Temple of the Athena on the Acropolis, Athens.
5. Kuala Lumpur.
6. Moscow, Russia.
7. River Seine.
8. (i) Corsica. (ii) St. Helena.
9. (i) Great Geyser. (ii) In Iceland near Reykjavik.
10. Port Said.
11. Istanbul... and it was originally 'Byzantium.' It is a town in Turkey but is not the capital. Ankara is the capital.
12. Adriatic Sea (on Gulf of Trieste, but at head of Adriatic).
13. Copenhagen... capital and largest city of Denmark.
14. Hobart.
15. An island in the Leeward Islands in the West Indies. (St Christopher.)
16. A system of stars in the sky (galaxy). A luminous 'band' of very distant stars, not separately distinguishable to the human eye. We are part of this galaxy.
17. Russia (U.S.S.R.).
18. Maha.

ONCE upon a time there was a woman who was very unkind to her husband. She disagreed with every wish he expressed. If he said it was a nice day, she replied that it was horrible, but if he said it was a dull day she said it was beautiful. She contradicted every word of his.

Poor man, he did not know what to do to please her! One day he went for a walk in the woods and he met a little mouse.

'Oh! Little Mouse! How happy you must be!' said the man. 'Nobody to order you about, nobody to worry you so that you don't know a blade of grass from a barley stalk.'

'Oh Man! How foolish you are! You have the sun, you have the rain and the flowers. You don't have to work hard to find the corn to eat. I wish I were you, Man. You are beautiful with your shaggy hair and your brown arms like the earth itself.'

'Now, I've never been called beautiful before,' thought the man, staring at the little mouse's fine silky fur.

'I will come and sweep your rooms and care for you, O Man,' said the mouse. 'I have long wanted to see a house where humans live.'

So that was why the little mouse went home with the man, nestled in his pocket. When the wife grumbled the mouse whispered words of encouragement. When the wife threw a plate at the man, the little mouse laughed and cheered.

'Don't dare laugh at me,' scolded the wife, and she did not throw any more things at the man because she thought he had enjoyed her anger.

But the little mouse, who slept in a corner of the kitchen, got up at dawn the

next day, and swept the floor and washed it with scraps of rags. She polished and cleaned, and made all bright and neat.

The man came down to make his wife a cup of tea, and he was surprised at what he saw. Clean cups were placed on the table, the teapot was shining, the tea-leaves cleared away, and the fire was laid with neat little sticks not much bigger than matches.

'Is it a fairy?' he asked. 'I used to believe in them when I was a child, and I think one has been here.'

Then the little mouse leapt on the table and bowed to him.

'Oh, it's you, my dear,' said he, stroking her fur. 'I might have guessed, but I didn't know you were so clever.'

But the wife grumbled more than ever. She thought her husband had done the housework, so she piled more labours upon him.

'You stupid man,' she cried. 'Why didn't you cook extra for me?' she asked crossly, and she threw the toast across the floor in her anger, as she saw her husband quietly eating his breakfast without her. 'Why didn't you call me? You've been very quick to-day.'

'It is a surprise for both of us,' he murmured, half laughing as he spied the little mouse under the table.

'Surprise,' echoed the wife. 'I'll surprise you. I'm going out to-day and you can look after yourself.'

She cooked her meal and then dressed in her best and left the house, calling: 'Now get the washing done and the kitchen cleaned, and the beds made and all tidied up before I return.'

'Very well, my dear,' said the man meekly. 'You

The shrew



know that I have to go to my own work, don't you, to earn money for both of us?

'Bah,' cried the woman. 'Do as I tell you!' She flounced out and banged the door.

'Never mind,' whispered a small voice, as the little mouse came dancing out of the shadows. 'I can manage, I can get my friends to help. You go off, dear sir.'

The man was a market gardener, and he went to his garden to dig and sow and gather fruit and tend his crops.

When he came in for dinner, there was a white cloth laid and a good meal was ready.

The mouse had made a salad, using all the sweet green plants she could find in the little garden, leaves the man had never tasted before, but all mixed together so beautifully that

it was a dish for a king.

The mouse sat on the table and she helped the man to her dishes, bringing from her pocket a small silver spoon.

'This spoon belonged to my mother,' said the mouse. 'It is enchanted. Everything it touches gets a taste of delicious moonshine and magic.'

'See,' she continued. 'I stir a bowl of flour and currants and it makes a delicious cake.'

As she spoke she made the cake, and the man took it for his tea, after giving a piece to the little mouse.

All afternoon he worked at his market garden, and this time the little mouse went in his pocket. She gave him good advice about his plants, and she brought him seeds of cress and basil and other herbs for him to sow. 'When these grow you

can sell them,' said she. 'People like herbs and they will put them in their dull food to flavour the dishes.'

At last it was time to go home, and the man set off joyfully with the little mouse in his pocket.

His wife was there when he returned. She looked suspiciously at him.

'You managed to tidy up as well as go to work,' said she, sourly. 'I always knew you were lazy. But the house looks as if you have had somebody to help you. Who is it?'

'Wouldn't you like to know,' laughed the man and the little mouse giggled in his pocket and tickled his fingers which were stroking her.

The woman was white with rage. She searched the house for some trace of the helper, but of course she found nothing. Not a footprint, or a finger mark. Then she found the little silver spoon, which the mouse had left in a cup on the dresser. She picked up the tiny object with a cry of excitement.

'Where has this come from?' she cried, and the man sprang to his feet and tried to take it from her.

'That's mine,' said he. 'Give it to me.'

'No, it's mine,' said the woman. 'I will sell it and get some money to buy a new dress, for you never give anything.'

'Don't sell it,' pleaded the man. 'You know, my dear, you have all my money to do as you like with, and you can buy a dress with what I earned today. It was my lucky day.'

He brought a handful of money and put it on the table, and held out his hand for the spoon. But his wife would not let it go.

She made the tea, and stirred the teapot with the spoon, muttering to her-

self.

'May I shrivel and shrink to a cinder sooner than you shall have this spoon,' she muttered. Then she began to shrink, smaller and smaller. Soon she was down to a speck of a woman on the chair, but her face began to change too, her dress became fur, her eyes were tiny beads of light, and a small stumpy little shrew-mouse sat there.

'Oh dear me! What has happened?' she cried, and she leapt down and ran off to the woods, leaving the spoon behind her.

Then the man took the mouse from his pocket and put her on the table.

'How did you manage to do that magic on my wife?' he asked.

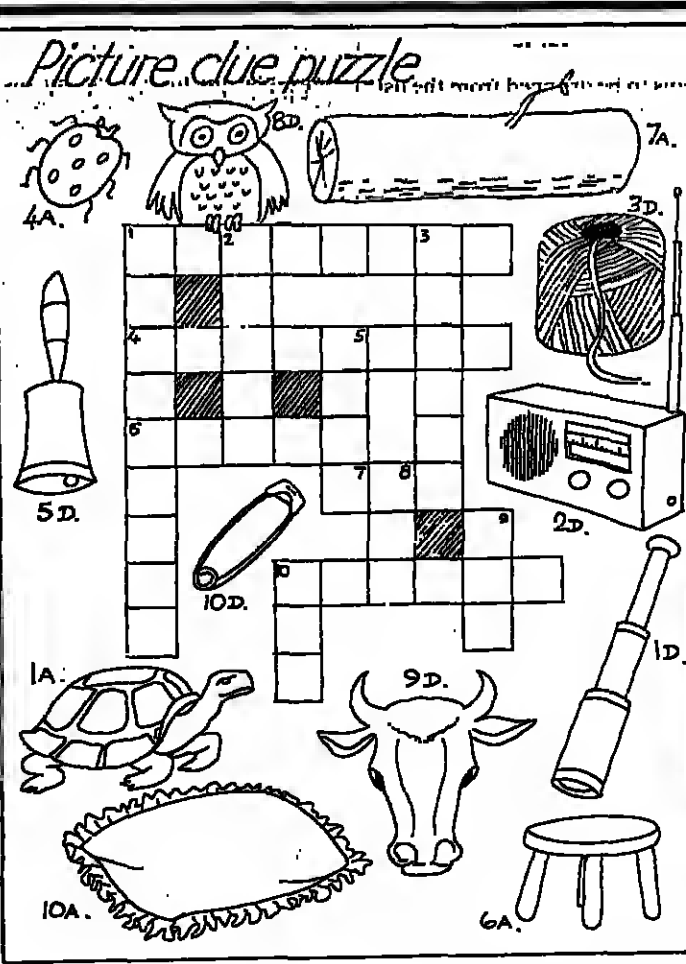
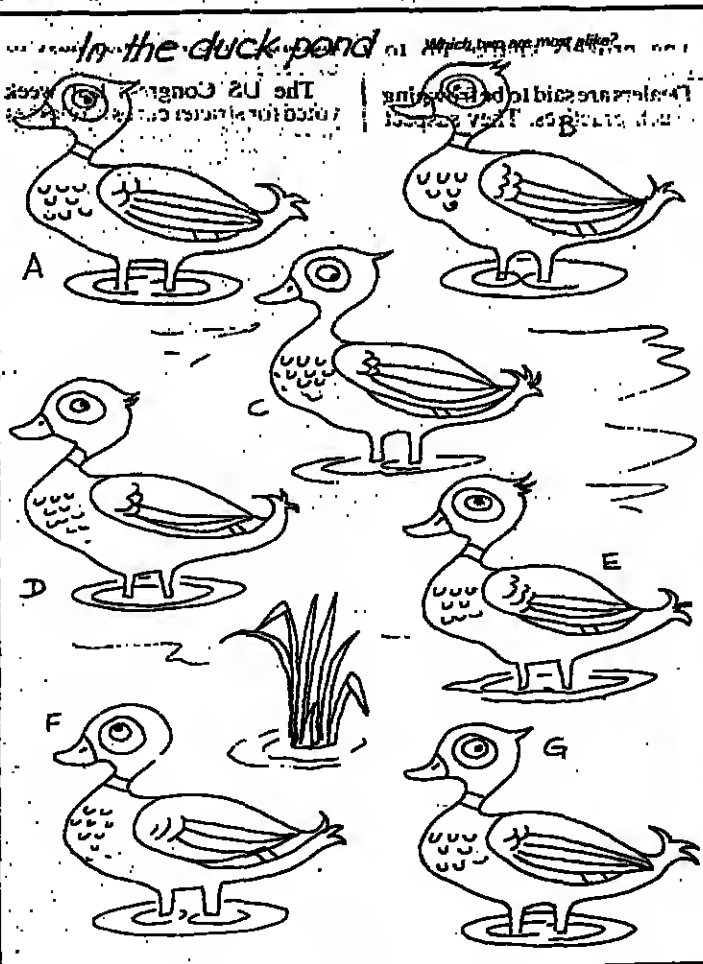
'It was the spoon, that can change man to his own character. Now your wife is a shrew-mouse, a fighting fierce little shrew, and she will find her match among the shrews in the fields and woods, for nobody will work for her.'

The little mouse took the silver spoon from the cup of tea and wiped it on her fur. Then she made a brew of her own, a scented brew of tansy and lavender and rosemary and ferns. She stirred the faintly smelling drink with her spoon and whispered some words over it which the man could not catch.

She grew taller and taller, her fur turned to delicate white skin, her hair was long and golden. She was a beautiful girl who sat there, in a dress of flower-petals.

'Ob, lovely creature,' said the man, 'will you marry me?'

'Yes, my dear. I loved you the moment I saw you walking so full of sorrow in the woods. Your wife has gone for ever, and you are free.'



Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

DISCOVERED IN THE ARGENTINE BY CHARLES DARWIN (1809-82) THE DARWIN'S FROG (*Rhinoderma darwini*) LOOKS AFTER ITS YOUNG IN A UNIQUE WAY. THE MALE GATHERS THE NEWLY HATCHED TADPOLES INTO ITS VOCAL SAC WHERE THEY ARE SAFE UNTIL THEY DEVELOP INTO TINY FROGS.

THERE ARE ABOUT 500 SPECIES OF TREE FROGS FOUND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THE LARGEST BEING THE GIANT SPECIES FROM THE WEST INDIES, *Hyla vestita*, WHICH AVERAGES 3.6m (12in) IN LENGTH. TO THE TINY LITTLE TREE TOAD (*Microhyla*) OF THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES.

THE COMMON TOAD (*Bufo bufo*) HAS BEEN FOUND AT AN ALTITUDE OF 26,245ft (8000m) IN THE HIMALAYAS AND AT A DEPTH OF 1115ft (340m) IN A COAL MINE.

The why of science

Why electrical charges form in the sky
The clouds which mass in the sky before a storm become charged with electricity through passing over strata of air at different temperatures. As a general rule positive charges prevail at high cloud levels and negative charges at low levels.

When the heavily charged clouds descend towards the Earth, the latter, through the phenomenon of induction, becomes charged with electricity of opposite sign. Two electromagnetic fields, often of very great extent, are thus formed. At this point the negative charges are strongly impelled to discharge towards the positive charges, because opposite charges attract one another. However the air offers a strong obstacle to the passage of electrical charges as it is not a good conductor of electricity. It undergoes a rapid process of ionization which creates conditions which permit the passage of electricity. An infinity of minute electrical charges erupt through the ionized zones in perfect



and rapid succession but we see them as one long, forked and twisted discharge. We call it lightning. Lightning passes not only from the clouds to the Earth, but also in the opposite direction, and goes, too, from cloud to cloud, although this is rare. It is often followed by that other phenomenon, thun-

der. Why electricity is transmitted at high tension The use of electricity has reached enormous proportions. Consequently there arose a need to transport electricity to ever greater distances. This raised a serious problem. Direct current had to be transmitted at the output voltage of the dynamo which

produced it, but because of the electrical resistance of the wires along which it passed there was a considerable drop in the voltage after a short distance. This meant that some of the power was lost along the way. It was not possible to reduce the resistance by increasing the thickness of the wire as this would have made the wires impossibly large and heavy. To overcome these losses, the use of alternating current was introduced, as alternating current can be transported at the desired high voltages. As the loss of power of electrical energy during its passage along wires is caused by the amount of current and as the carrying potential is equal to the current multiplied by the tension, we are able by increasing the tension to transport large amounts of current using relatively thin wires. At the points where the electricity is to be used suitable transformers are connected to reduce the voltage to a less dangerous level, such as 240 volts which is normal for domestic use in Britain.

Ha! Ha!

What kind of party do prisoners like most of all?
A going-away party.

What did the psychiatrist say on a busy day?
'It's like a madhouse in here.'

'Doctor, have you got something for my liver?'
'How about some onions?'

Why do birds in a nest always agree?
Because they don't want to fall out.

'Don't be afraid. This dog will eat off your hand.'
'That's what I'm afraid of.'

JIMMY: Dad, may I have another apple?
FATHER: Another? They don't grow on trees, you know.

When did the first two vowels appear?
Before U and I were born.

What is the difference between a copying machine and the measles?
One makes facsimiles and other makes sick families.

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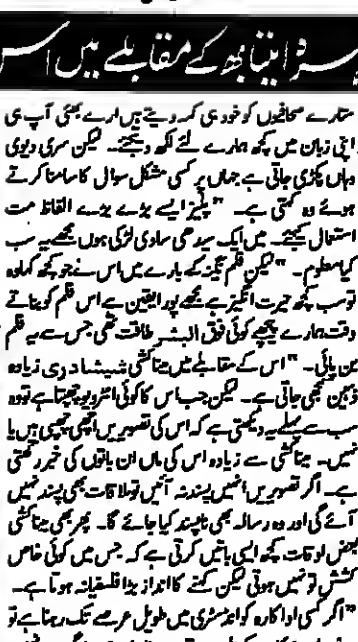
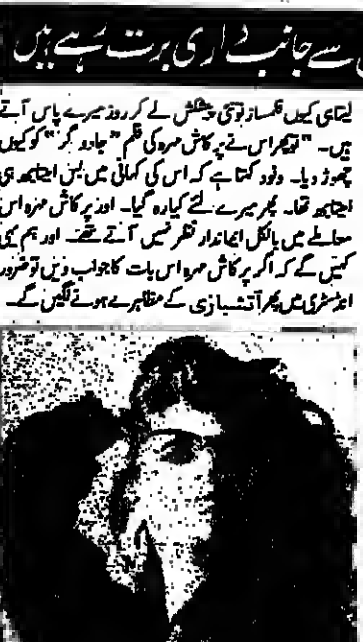
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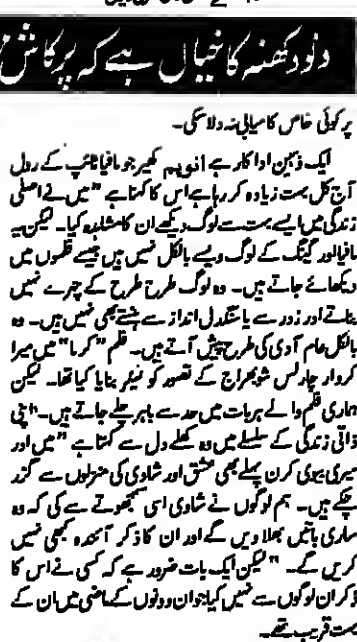
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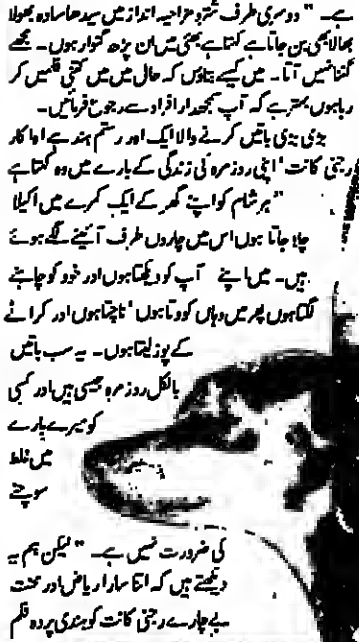
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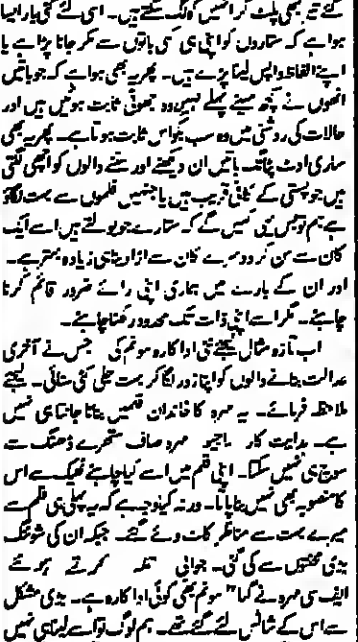
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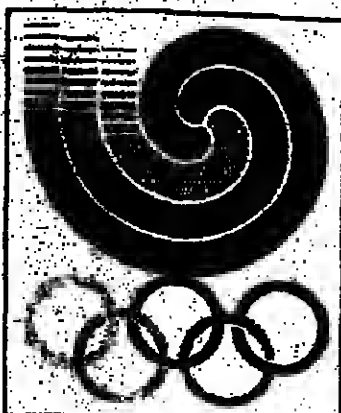
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Iraq uncovers plot against Olympic team

BAGHDAD, Sept. 14, (Reuters): Iraq has uncovered a plot by Kurds living abroad to assassinate its Olympic athletes in a suicide attack in South Korea, a source at the Iraqi Olympic Committee said yesterday.

"Iraqi active security authorities have unmasked a terrorist conspiracy by a group of subversive Kurds living abroad to assassinate the Iraqi team at the Seoul Olympics," the source, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters.

The source said the plotters had obtained the help of Syria and Iran for the operation, and Iraq knew the identities of those involved.

All 57 Iraqi athletes due to compete in the games — in football, table tennis, track and field, boxing and wrestling — are already in South Korea.

Passed

The source said Oudai Saddam Hussein, eldest son of the Iraqi president and chairman of the Olympic committee, had passed on details of the plot to South Korean diplomats in Baghdad.

"Necessary measures have been taken to strengthen security for Iraqi teams participating in the Olympics."

"Co-ordination has been achieved with the South Korean authorities through the foreign ministry and the Olympic committee," the source said.

No one at the South Korean embassy was available for comment.

Kurdish nationalists have been fighting successive Iraqi governments for autonomy since the 1960s.

"Iraqi forces attacked their strongholds in northern Iraq in July."

Sofia hits back at unfair lobbying claims

SEOUL, Sept. 14, (Reuters): Sofia hit back today at charges of unfair lobbying the day before the venue for the 1994 Winter Olympics is chosen.

Delegates from the Bulgarian capital, strong favourite to win tomorrow's poll ahead of the three other candidates, Osterund of Sweden, the Norwegian resort of Lillehammer and the Alaskan city of Anchorage, were clearly angered by critical media reports.

Pressure

Bulgarian National Olympic Committee representative Dimitar Ivanov denied Sofia had pressure on International Olympic Committee (IOC) delegates to award it the event as a reward for Bulgarian efforts to prevent an East bloc boycott of the Seoul Games.

"We have done everything in compliance with the Olympic charter," he told reporters. "There is not a single case like this. We have nothing to do with such reports."

E. Germans move into Olympic gear

EAST BERLIN, Sept. 14, (Reuters): East Germany's awesome athletics team has clicked smoothly into Olympic gear with a series of dazzling performances in dreary conditions at the last domestic event before departing for Seoul tomorrow.

Thrilling encounters with the Americans and Russians are in prospect at the Games, the first Olympics featuring all three major athletics powers since 1976. The United States boycotted the 1980 Moscow Games and the communist world stayed away from Los Angeles in 1984.

Heike Drechsler was one of several key East German medal contenders who gave their all at a traditional farewell meeting yesterday despite buffeting cold winds and rain showers.

Record

There were season's bests in the men's discus and women's 4x100 metres and other mouth-watering results from three world record holders — Petra Felke with 74.62 in the javelin, discus thrower Gabriele Reinsch's 74.44 and shot putter Ulf Timmermann's 22.56.

Drechsler managed 7.17 metres in the long jump and then squeezed out world champion Silke Moeller in the 200 metres in a creditable 22.08 seconds.

LOUGANIS AIMS TO REPEAT LOS ANGELES DOUBLE

Lewis and Biondi to command spotlight

SEOUL, Sept. 14, (Reuters): Two athletes, spurred by a single-minded ambition to show they are the swiftest humans on land and in the water, will command the spotlight in the Seoul Olympic Games which explode into action on Saturday.

Four years ago Carl Lewis realised his dream of emulating fellow-American Jesse Owens when he ran and jumped to four gold medals before a fervently patriotic home crowd at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Now Lewis is again the centrepiece of one of the most powerful US track and field teams ever assembled.

Never lacking in self-confidence, the 27-year-old American says he is stronger, wiser and faster than ever as he sets his sights on repeating his 1984 victories in the 100, 200, 4x100 metres relay and long jump.

Avenge

And this time his drives are all the fiercer as he sets out to avenge his defeat by Canadian Ben Johnson in last year's 100 metres final at the World Championships.

While Lewis exudes confidence, his compatriot Matt Biondi is modest in the extreme.

Biondi competes in seven swimming events of which the 50 metres freestyle is the quickest. But he and his coach are quick to counter any talk of matching Mark Spitz's unique sweep of seven gold medals in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

"Ridiculous," his coach Nord Thornton said curtly when quizzed about the possibility of seven titles. "It's impossible."

"I have no idea what it would be like to win gold after gold," Biondi said. "Because I don't



Louganis dives off a platform during a practice session. (Reuters wirephoto)

really see it as being possible."

The highpoint of the swimming programme could be the clash between Biondi and the giant West German Michael Gross in the 200 metres freestyle.

Gross's world record of one minute 47.44 seconds, set when winning gold in Los Angeles, still stands, and the usually dour West German has been unusually ebullient mood here.

"I feel great," he told reporters on arrival here. "My training has been tremendous."

The medal that means most to Gross though is the 4x200 freestyle relay where he will probably swim the anchor leg against Biondi.

Four years ago Bruce Hayes held off Gross in an electrifying anchor leg to give the United States the narrowest of victories. "This is the only thing missing in my record of success," says Gross.

The excitement and raw power in the pool will contrast sharply with the diving competition where Greg Louganis comes close to turning sport into art.

Louganis is aiming to repeat his Los Angeles double on the platform and springboard.

The first clash between US and Soviet-hoc athletes since 1976 — as a result of boycotts in 1980 and 1984 — will be at its starkest in the boxing tournament.

Organisers expect 17,000 athletes and officials to attend Games

Wilander and Bile to stay away

SEOUL, Sept. 14, (Reuters): The Seoul Olympics lost two of its superstars today with the withdrawal of world tennis number one Mats Wilander and the world 1,500 metres champion Aidi Bile.

Swedish team officials said Wilander, who won the US Open on Sunday, said he had to pull out of the world's top ranking, had pulled out with a leg injury.

He joined West German Boris Becker and Indian Ramesh Krishnan on a growing list of men pulling out of the first Olympic tennis tournament for 64 years.

Bile, a 25-year-old Somali who capped an outstanding season with his overwhelming World Championship win last year, is suffering from a stress fracture of the leg.

His departure leaves the 1,500

metres, the blue ribbon event of track, open to an expected duel between favourite Said Aouita of Morocco, the world record-holder, and Britain's Steve Cram, who has run the fastest time this year.

Watch

Wilander and Bile would be in the South Korean capital to watch the Games, the highest in the history of the Olympics.

It is the first time for 12 years that all the major sporting nations have attended, following politically-motivated boycotts at Montreal, Moscow and Los Angeles.

Organisers are expecting a record final tally of about 17,000 athletes and officials from 160 countries. Nearly 14,000 have arrived so far and already the numbers are causing problems.

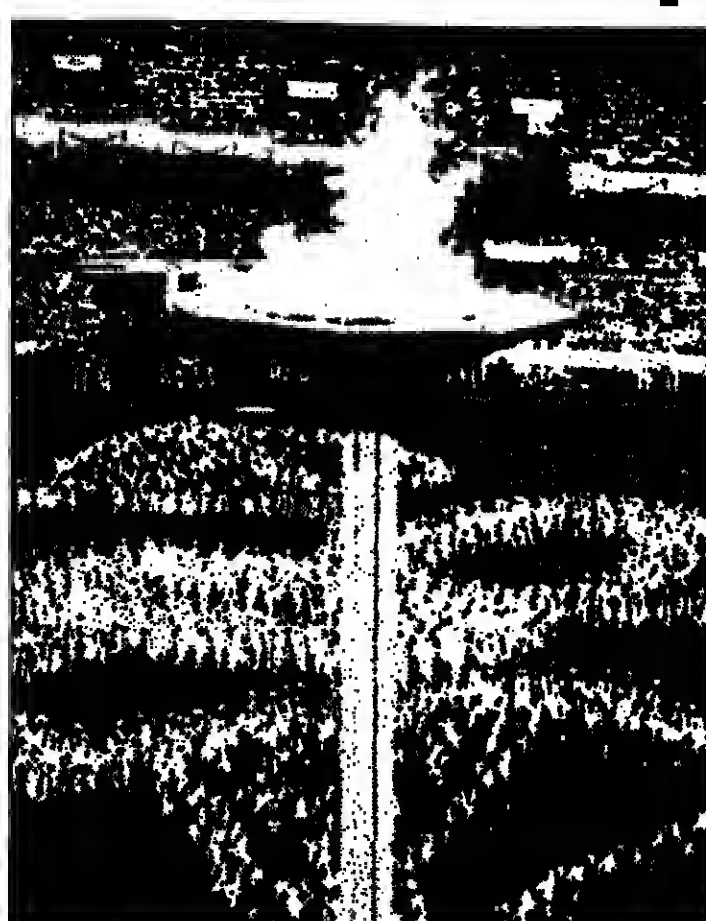
Organisers wanted to stage boxing in two rings simultaneously and to limit the athletes marching behind flags at the opening ceremony. Both plans were scrapped after teams objected.

Seven countries, including Cuba, are staying away. Some are supporting a boycott called by North Korea, thwarted in its bid to jointly stage the Games.

One team that has registered but is having trouble attending is Burma — due to send two marathon runners.

The popular uprising in the country has stopped all flights into Rangoon. Team coach Aye Wio, who flew in advance to the Olympic village, said he did not know whether the two runners would arrive.

Three days before the opening ceremony, in the 70,000-seat



The Olympic flame is lit at the Olympic stadium during a rehearsal. (Reuters wirephoto)

The volume of entries may force organisers to use two rings for the first time in the early rounds, although a final decision will not be taken until tomorrow.

The absence of East European boxers from the 1984 Olympic means little is known about their form, although the Bulgarians are tipped to provide the upsets.

Cuba's absence from the Games also devalues the competition but inevitably the United States have produced a boxer tipped as the next world professional heavyweight champion.

His name is Riddick Bowe, he

IOC seeks removal of restrictions on players

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stands 1.96 metres tall, weighs 98 kg and was a schoolmate of world champion Mike Tyson.

Boxing is certain to throw up colourful and controversial characters during its two weeks of action.

But inevitably they will be overshadowed when the athletes competition begins on September 23, six days after the Games' opening ceremony.

No athlete will be more calculatingly colourful than exotic American sprinter Florencio Griffith-Joyner.

Until this year Griffith-Joyner was known mainly for her vivid self-designed running outfits and her outlandishly long finger nails.

Potential

But she was also an athlete of the highest class with reservoirs of untapped potential as she showed this year by slashing the women's world 100 metres record with an astonishing run at the US trials.

Despite the presence of Lewis, Griffith-Joyner and other prodigiously talented individuals such as Soviet pole vaulter Sergei Buhka, the most dominant figure of the athletes competition could be a slight Moroccan with a track-devouring stride.

Said Aouita, the Olympic and world 5,000 metres champion, has dropped down a distance to the 1,500, traditionally the blue ribbon event of the track programme.

For good measure he has added the 800 to his repertoire and the combination of rare natural gifts and dedicated hard work may make him the first person to complete the 800-1,500 double since 1964.

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Athletes psyche up for success with superstition

SEOUL, Sept. 14, (Reuters): Woe betide Olympic 800 metres champion Joaquim Cruz if he gets out of bed onto his left foot during the Seoul Games.

The Brazilian and his teammates are under orders from team officials to put their right foot first — morning, noon and night.

Why? "It's superstition. Getting out of bed, going into the residence, going to dinner, right foot first. It's for luck. For results," said Brazilian volleyball player Domingos Lamparello. "It would be bad to put your left foot first."

All the athletes at the Olympic Games hope fortune, God or both will be on their side when it comes to competition.

But some do more than others to help things along. In Seoul's Olympic village, home of 13,000 athletes and officials, a superstition, lucky charm, prayer or ritual can be found to suit every culture, religion and sport.

Luck

Gabon's athletes have orders not to put their hands under the beds — it brings bad luck. Some competitors from Papua New Guinea carry rope charms and athletes from the South Pacific island of Tonga hope to draw strength from singing.

The team are planning a US-based Tongan music group in town for the Games, to psyche themselves up.

The Tongans are very religious. One of the strengths they find in prayer, singing and being together," said Bryn Harris, Australian acting president of Tonga's national Olympic committee.

The songs are hymns but don't ask me what they mean because they're in Tongan and I don't understand," he said.

Ira Fabian, a 200-metre sprinter from Antigua who strolls around the village playing reggae music on a portable stereo set, has made up his own prayer for success.

"I pray and hope for the best and anybody who slips get licked (beaten)," is his personal chant.

Megan Donnelly insists on being the first member of the US women's hockey team to set foot in the penalty area. Teammate Yolanda Hightower feels best wearing dangling gold earrings and a necklace with a diamond-studded hockey stick.

"Once the referee made me take it all off. I actually played a bad game," said Hightower.

Britain's equestrian team are an equally superstitious breed. Horsewoman Virginia Leng has worn the same boots since 1981 and has dubbed them "old faithfuls", while Jennie Loriston-Clarke has kept to the same socks since 1978.

The British three-day team won't wear anything green while riding in Seoul because they say that colour is bad news.

Shave

Swimmers also have their foibles. Many of the men, including American ace Matt Biondi, grow beards in the days leading up to races and shave off the growth with the rest of their body hair just before competition.

"It's part of the ritual. If you shaved your beard every day it would just be routine. But to do it on the day of the race is something special," said Canadian Stephen Vandermeulen.

Jon Sieben, Australia's Olympic butterfly gold medalist, says: "The first time you swim without hair on you it's like going through the water like a torpedo."



Drechsler

before again breaking the record with an enormous 74.40, just four cm short of Reinsch's equally impressive winning effort. Hellmann was training and did not compete.

Veteran Marlies Goehr, opting like many of the runners for a warm bodysuit, surged to a confidence-boosting victory in the 100 metres in a wind-assisted 10.89 and anchored the top East German relay team to a season's best of 41.73.

For the younger Moeller, who did not run in the 100 and lost out to Drechsler in the 200, there was consolation in her aggressive performance in the first relay leg.

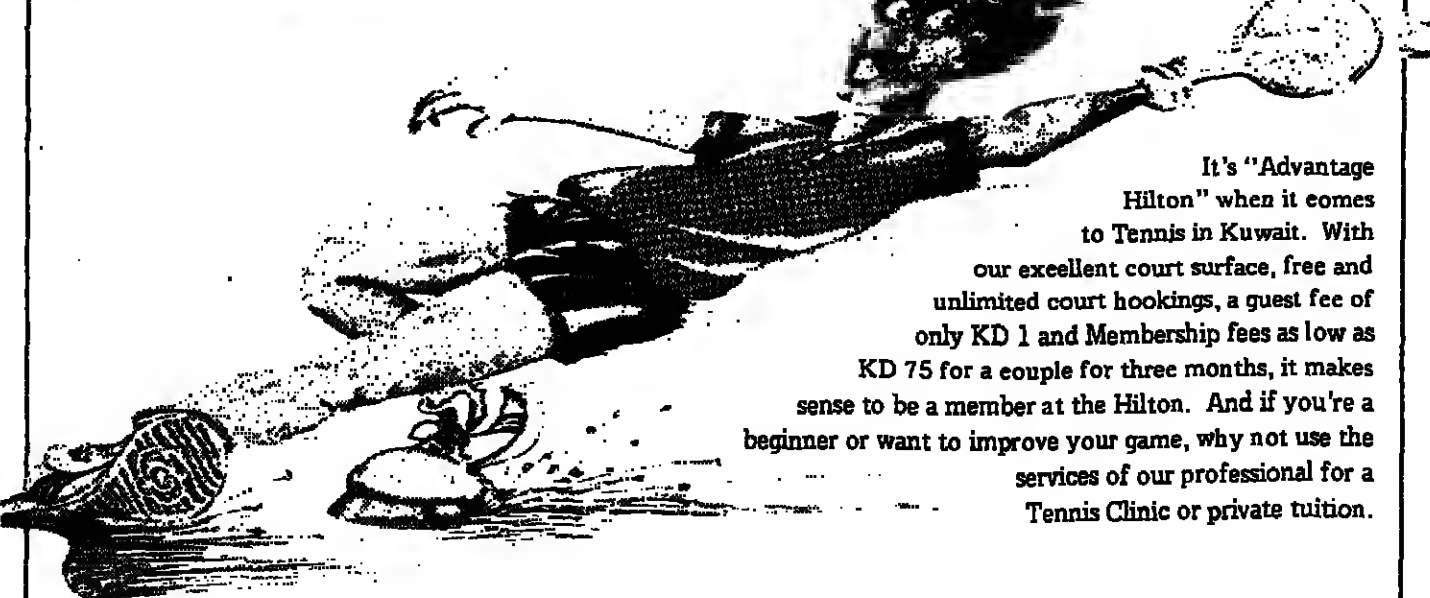
Defeats

World champion Thomas Schoenlebe found his stride after two defeats by Jens Carlowitz over 400 metres last week. Schoenlebe willed himself to a convincing win in 45.09.

World discus record holder Juergen Schult hurled a season's best 70.46, only his second throw ever over 70 metres, and told the newspaper Deutsches Sportecho that Olympic victory would require an effort of between 68 and 70.

Apart from another pre-Seoul try-out in Potsdam last week, East German athletes have trained in seclusion since July.

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KARACHI WICKET EXPECTED TO TAKE SPIN FROM FIRST DAY

Pakistan set to take on Australia

KARACHI, Sept 14, (Reuters): Australia and Pakistan begin a three-test series tomorrow on a wicket tailor-made for the deadly spin trio of Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmad.

Chief groundsman Bashir Ahmad predicted that the bald, brown strip at Karachi's National Stadium would help both wrist and finger-spinners from the first day.

Allan Border's team have come prepared for a feast of spin and will be looking to leg-spinner Peter Sleep and off-spinner Peter Taylor to provide a counter thrust.

A question mark still hangs over the fitness of his off-spinner Tim May, who dislocated the little finger of his bowling hand in a practice match last week. He returned to bowl seven overs on Monday.

Pakistan have little choice but to rely on spin as their two best fast bowlers, Imran Khan and Wasim Akram, are unavailable.

The National Stadium has an ominous history for Australia. In their 1979-80 tour, Greg Chappell's party lost by seven wickets here after a demolition job by Qasim and Tauseef.

Three years later Kim Hughes' side fared even worse, going down by nine wickets. Qadir took seven wickets and Qasim four.

Apart from these three experienced spinners, Pakistan have young leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmad in reserve. Still in his teens, he took six England wickets in an innings in a three-day



Qasim (left) and Tauseef: two of deadly spin trio

match last December.

Australian manager Colin Egar was undaunted. He told reporters this was a different and well-prepared side and he was

confident it could handle the Pakistani spinners.

Pakistan's manager Intikhab Alam also praised the tourists as a hard, fighting and well-knit

unit, but said the home team's spin attack would give it the edge. Australia adjusted to Pakistan's sultry September weather with two disciplined draws in

three-day games in Lahore and Quetta. Qadir and Qasim used themselves sparingly and the visitors were not unduly troubled by the bowling, declaring in all four innings.

The Karachi Test is the first in Pakistan since the ill-fated England tour last winter which turned into a war between the English players and local umpires.

In the absence of Imran, who opted out of the series saying it was the wrong time of year, the home team is led by star batsman Javed Miandad.

Karachi has a history of crowd trouble and the local authorities have taken strict security measures.

A high fence will keep the players away from the spectators, who are banned from carrying metal lunch boxes, transistor radios, bottles or fruit which could be used as a missile.

Teams
PAKISTAN: (from) Javed Miandad (captain), Mudassar Nazar, Rameez Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmad, Salim Yousaf, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Tauseef Ahmad, Saleem Jaffer, Mohsin Kamal, Mushtaq Ahmad, Aamer Malik.

AUSTRALIA: (from) Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh, David Boon, Tony Dodemaide, Ian Healy, Dean Jones, Craig McDermott, Tim May, Bruce Reid, Jamie Siddons, Peter Sleep, Peter Taylor, Mike Veletta, Steve Waugh, Graeme Wood.



The Sierra Cosworth to be driven by Al Hajri.

Al Hajri to switch cars for Rally de Montagne

QATAR'S Saeed Al Hajri will change cars for Lebanon's Rally de Montagne, the fourth round of the Middle East Championship which begins on October 7. Instead of his usual Group B Audi Quattro, the three-times Middle East Champion will drive a Group A Rothmans Ford Sierra Cosworth.

"With the total distance of 1,000 kms run entirely on tarmac, the Sierra is the perfect car for the job," said Al Hajri. "Although it might lack the power of the Group B cars, it has other advantages, particularly on tarmac."

Identical
The Rothmans rally team's choice of vehicle will provide a unique confrontation between the Qatari and his arch-rival, Dubai's Mohammed Bin Sulayem since—for the first time in their on-going duels for Middle East supremacy—both men will be at the wheels of identical cars.

"Mohammed should have a considerable advantage in that he is well used to the Sierra, having competed with it in Europe over the past two years," Al Hajri added. "I have never driven one before and I hope that will not be too much of a handicap."

The 295 bhp Rothmans Sierra Cosworth is a factory-built car, prepared for Lebanon by David Sutton Autosport in the UK. While this is only a temporary break from the team's Audi Quattro, it represents a preview of the shape of things to come since FISA, the world rulers of motorsport, have banned Group B cars from the 1989 Middle East series.

In the chase for this year's title, Al Hajri suffered incredible bad luck in the first three rounds—

particularly in Kuwait where he was announced provisional winner but then lost the rally on a technicality. He now lies 18 points adrift of Sulayem but is determined to fight to the finish.

"It means that I must finish first in the next three rounds in Lebanon, Oman and Dubai and Mohammed has to come home third or lower in two of them," the Rothmans star went on. "It won't be easy, especially since the Toyota has proved so reliable that it is almost invincible."

"But that can't last forever. We thought about conceding the championship; but we would have looked rather foolish if he breaks down or crashes out in one of the next three rallies. So we'll give him a good run."

This will be Al Hajri's first outing in Lebanon and he's really looking forward to it. "It's a very different kind of rally to the rest of the championship. I'm confident we can win it."

In his first ever drive on tarmac, the Qatari beat more than 90 other competitors to finish second in the Galway International in Ireland, earning the nickname 'Sideways Saeed' with his original adaptation of gravel tactics.

In between, the expected 65 entries will attempt to cover 300 special stages measuring some 300 kms with the remaining 700 kms in road sections.

With around 30 overseas drivers likely to make the start and the ever-threatening appearance of Michel Saleh in his Audi Quattro A2, it is by no means certain that either Al Hajri or Sulayem will win. The only sure thing is that Lebanon will host what promises to be one of the most exciting rounds of the series.

Lendl and McEnroe to play in Australian event

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept 14, (AP): Two-time champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and four-time winner John McEnroe of the United States both have entered next month's \$490,000 Swan Premium Australian Indoor Tennis Championship, tournament director Graham Lovett announced today.

Lendl, who lost his world No. 1 ranking to Mats Wilander after the Swede defeated him in the US Open final last weekend, will be the top seed for the event, Lovett said.

Lendl is the defending champion and also won the tournament in 1985.

Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia, currently recovering from an Achilles tendon injury, is slated to be the No. 2 seed for the 32-draw

Nabisco Grand Prix super series event, which will run from Oct 10-16 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

Cash, currently ranked seventh in the world, was beaten by Lendl in last year's final.

Other top-30 ranked players confirmed for the event, which is to be played on a synthetic plexiglass surface, include American Tim Mayotte, Andres Gomez of Ecuador, Australian John Fitzgerald and Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia.

Kuwait flag raised in Seoul stadium

SEOUL, Sept 14, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti flag was raised here today among the flags of other countries participating in the Olympic Games, which will start here on Saturday.

In a ceremony attended by the head of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Salmaan Al Hmoud, chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad, and officials of the International Olympic Committee, the four-colour Kuwaiti flag joined other flags at the Olympic stadium.

Kuwait is among 160 countries participating in the Games this year. About 17,000 athletes are expected to compete for medals in various sports.

On the first day of the Games, three basketball games will be played; Iraq plays Zambia, Egypt meets China and Tunisia faces Sweden.

The Olympics are being boycotted by seven countries including North Korea and Nicaragua, for political reasons.

Meanwhile Kuwait's football player Abdulaziz Al Anbari expressed his pleasure at being honoured to carry the Olympic torch tomorrow.

He told Kuwaiti journalists today that he would be running one kilometre with the Olympic torch before handing it over to another athlete.

Al Anbari was chosen by the Kuwait Olympic Committee for outstanding performances for the country over the years.

Naeem takes Jubilee past Al Ahli



Naeem: five for 14

JUBILEE Cricketers thrashed Al Ahli Bank by seven wickets in a friendly match earlier this week.

Batting first, Al Ahli scored 90 runs for the loss of five wickets in their 20 overs. All the wickets were taken by Naeem Shaikh who finished with figures of five for 14.

In reply, Jubilee got the required runs for the loss of only three wickets. Opening batsman Manzoor Elahi was the top scorer with an unbeaten 42 while Nooruddin hit 23.

A. Ghulam Ali, John and Siddiqui took one wicket each.

Red Sox increase AL East lead

NEW YORK, Sept 14, (AP): Even in a season of discontent, Jim Rice still finds moments of solace. Enough of them might make him and the Boston Red Sox very happy.

Rice, relegated to a role as part-time designated hitter, connected for his eighth career Grand Slam last night as the Red Sox beat Baltimore 6-4 and increased their lead in the American League East.

"I'm ready to play any day, but if I'm not in the lineup I can't do anything about it," Rice said after starting for just the fourth time in 14 games.

Rice, suspended earlier this season after a run-in with manager Joe Morgan, is batting .270 with 12 home runs and 61 runs batted in.

The Red Sox moved 4 1/2 behind after beating Cleveland 5-4. Milwaukee played 5 1/2 back by defeating Chicago 4-0.

In other AL games, Oakland held off Texas 2-1, Minnesota rallied past Seattle 2-1 and Kansas City downed California 4-3.

Yankees 5, Indians 4

Pinch hitter Luis Aguayo's

two-run homer in the eighth inning rallied New York over host Cleveland for its fifth victory in six hit. Neil Allen, 5-2, pitched 3 1/3 shutout innings for the victory.

Blue Jays 9, Tigers 1
Jesse Barfield hit a Grand Slam and Ernie Whitt added a two-run shot as host Toronto trounced slumping Detroit. Dave Stieb, 13-8, allowed six hits in seven innings. Ted Power, 5-7, gave up five runs in 2 1/3 innings.

Brewers 4, White Sox 0
Juan Nieves pitched a three-hitter and Paul Molitor and Robin Yount homered in the first inning to send Milwaukee over Chicago. Nieves, 6-5, struck out four and walked two in his only complete game this season.

Athletics 2, Rangers 1
Jose Canseco hit his 39th home run and Dennis Eckersley got his 40th save as Oakland cut its magic number for winning the AL West to seven. Canseco hit a two-run shot in the sixth inning and stole his 37th base, moving closer to becoming the first player to hit 40 homers and steal

40 bases in the same year.

Twins 2, Mariners 1
Jim Dwyer singled home the tying run and Tom Herr had an RBI grounder as Minnesota rallied for two runs in the ninth inning and won at Seattle. Keith Ahernton, 7-5, got the victory and Jeff Reardon earned his 38th save. Bill Swift, 7-11, took the loss.

Royals 4, Angels 3
Bret Saberhagen evened his record at 14-14 as Kansas City won at California. Saberhagen gave up two runs on six hits in seven innings and struck out nine. Steve Farr got his 19th save. Chuck Finley, 9-14, took the loss.

Shutout for Shoutout, the Los Angeles Dodgers almost match up with the New York Mets.

While the Mets have grabbed all the attention with their 22 shutouts, the Dodgers quietly have compiled their own impressive total. They beat the Atlanta Braves 2-0 last night for shutout No. 19.

The victory, coupled with Houston's 5-2 loss to Cincinnati, increased the Dodgers' lead in

Five seeds crash out of Spanish GP

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept 14, (Reuters): Five seeds crashed out of the \$490,000 Spanish Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday, but top-seeded Frenchman Henri Leconte breezed through his first match.

Leconte swept aside Spain's German Lopez 6-0 6-1 in the second round.

Unseeded Argentine Franco Davin pulled off the major second round upset, ousting Spain's fourth-seeded Emilio

Sanchez after dropping the first set.

"The points were very long and that wore me down little by little," Sanchez said after Davin's 2-6 6-4 6-2 victory. "Dvin always plays defensively and on slow surfaces it's very complicated to beat him."

Dominated
Sixth seed Roland Agener from Haiti also disappointed, having lost to beat Spain's Sergio Casal when he took the

first set 6-2. But Casal fought back to win the second and dominated the third for a 2-6 7-5 6-2 victory.

The downfall of seeds Claudio Mezzadri of Switzerland (10), Argentine Alberto Mancini (12) and Spanish hope Francisco Luna (16) completed the upsets.

Argentine Martin Jaito, 1987 winner and this year's seventh seed, cruised to an untroubled 6-3 6-1 success over Spain's Tomas Carbonell.

Woosnam lifts Welsh title

CARDIFF, Sept 14, (Reuters): Ian Woosnam won the Welsh professional golf title yesterday to add just £5,000 (\$8,500) to his massive earnings.

The prize was £45,000 (\$76,500) less than he pocketed at the end of the European Open on Sunday but the victory gave the Welshman nearly as much pleasure on home territory.

Woosnam wanted to play in the championship to give the sport a boost in Wales.

Petranoff tries to sign athletes for South Africa

NAGARA, Japan, Sept 14, (Reuters): Former javelin world record holder Tom Petranoff said today he had tried to recruit leading athletes for a rebel post-Olympic track tour of South Africa but doubted whether it would take place.

The American said athletes had been offered at least \$30,000 to compete in a series of three meetings which he hoped would help end the isolation of South African athletes.

"Let's separate athletics and politics," he told reporters at the

US Olympic team's pre-Games training camp outside Tokyo.

The 1983 world championship silver medalist refused to name those athletes whom he had contacted about the tour but said they included many Olympic competitors, among them 11 American record-holders and four national record-holders from other nations.

However, Petranoff said the original contract he had signed was looking "shaky," and he was thinking of withdrawing from the series scheduled for October 11, 15 and 17.

Martin and Robertson win

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14, (Reuters): Australians Rodney Martin and Chris Robertson, seeded one and two, marched into the second round of the Malaysian Open squash tournament yesterday.

Martin is favourite to take the title in the absence of Jansher Khan and Jahangir Khan after organisers failed to find sponsors to put up appearance money for

the Pakistani superstars. Martin beat Frederik Johnson of Sweden 9-5 9-5-10-9-1, while Robertson made short work of Finland's Sami Elopuro 9-4 9-1 9-2.

Singapore's Peter Hill, who had to come through a qualifying round, surprisingly beat veteran Geoff Hunt of Australia 0-9 9-6 9-4 7-9 9-2.

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Swedish Open

STOCKHOLM, Sept 14, (UPI): The Swedish Open Grand Prix tennis tournament, set for late July each year, has come up with a novel idea to regain the strong lineup it used to attract: hiring Mats Wilander's brother Anders as tournament director. Wilander, who won the US Open final against Ivan Lendl on Sunday and rocketed to the top of the world rankings, this summer skipped the Swedish Open to rest, while most of Sweden's other top players played at Stuttgart, West Germany, instead.

Fans sentenced

ATHENS, Sept 14, (UPI): Three young fans of soccer club Panathinaikos were sentenced to 28 months in jail for attacks and causing disorders after Sunday's match between their club and Olympiakos of Volos.

Baric resigns

VIENNA, Sept 14, (UPI): Otto Baric, the Yugoslav coach of Austrian First Division soccer club Rapid, has resigned after more than five years with the club.

Allen triumphs

PHOENIX, Sept 14, (AP): American Louise Allen bounced back from a set in which she failed to win a game to defeat Beth Herr in first-round action of the \$100,000 Virginia Slims of Arizona tennis tournament. Allen beat Herr 6-2 0-6 7-6.

Rangi dies

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Sept 14, (AP): Former New Zealand Rugby Union international Ron Rangi died last night at age 47, the New Zealand Press Association reported today. No cause of death was immediately available.

W. German soccer

BONN, Sept 14, (Reuters): West German first division soccer results yesterday:
Bayer U. 2-1 St. Pauli
VfB Stuttgart 1-0 Nurnberg
Karlsruhe 1-0 Bochum
Hamburg 3-0 Bayer U.
Borussia M. 1-0 Stuttgart
Borussia D. 4-0 Hannover
Werder Bremen 2-0 Bayern M.
Kaiserslautern 1-0 Cologne
Eintracht F. 0-0 Waldhof M.

RESULTS of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

N/S
1. Sherin Basyouni & Aida Bayouni
2. Nahel Akel & Narekian Shah
3. Abdul Latif Daulti & Salsal Ali
E/W
1. Al Hussein & Amer Alkhatib
2. Osama Khafat & Umamah Gargara
3. Dina Makky & Stacey Ocker

The Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club will hold its first game of the season on Wednesday, Sept 21, at 9.00 am.

The Mesliah Ladies Bridge Club will hold its first game of the season on Saturday, Sept 24, at 9.00 am.

Results of the Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

N/S
1. N. Shah & K. Zohairi
2. M. Meouchi & Zanaoui
3. S. Saad & S. Aurora
E/W
1. A.L. Daulti & G. Latel
2. Ravi B. & D. Pereira
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